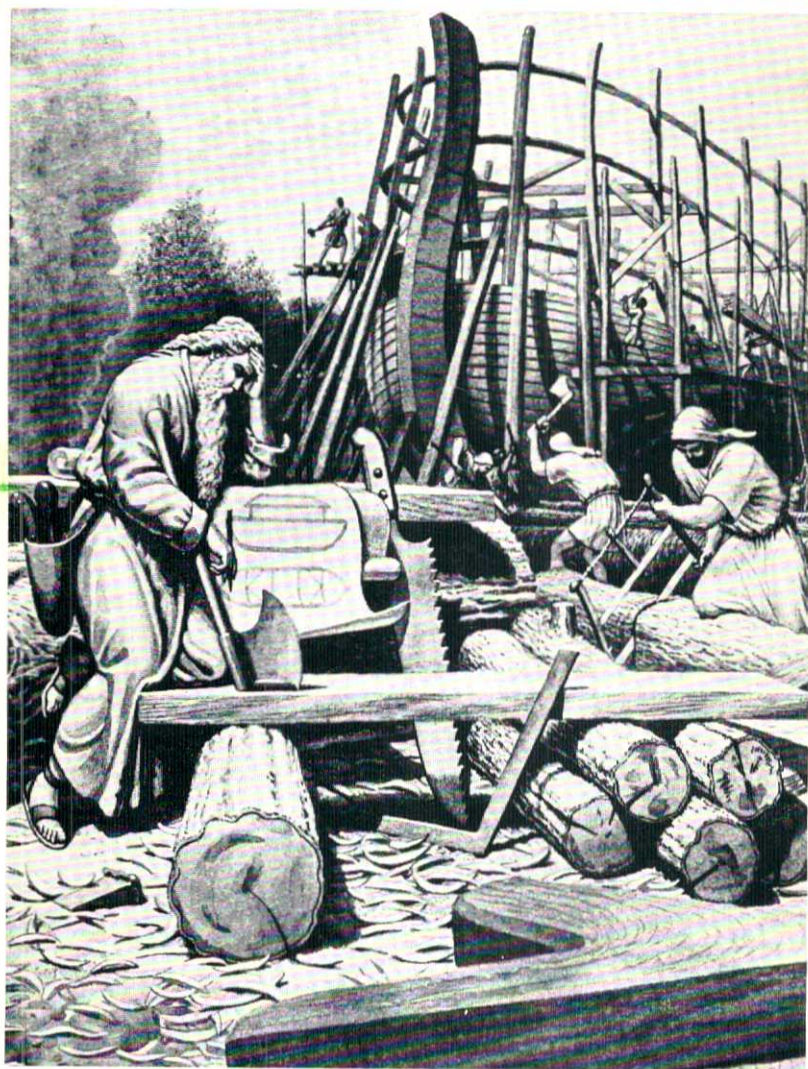


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# *Instructions to Students*

God has a blueprint for everything. He planned the bird's wing, the bat's radar, and the swan's neck. He designed the dandelion, outlined an oyster's shell, and devised the dinosaur's destiny. He measured out the heavens, shaped the stars and the sun, and gave specifications for the snowflakes. He mapped out the mountains, predetermined the dust particles of the earth, and pre-plotted the planets. He scheduled the seasons, spangled space with a heavenly calendar, and fathered the dew drops. He planned everything—in space, on the earth in the sky, and in the seas.

God also has a blueprint for the past, the present and the future of every person. His blueprint contains a plan for man, for the nations, for Israel, for His Church, for His Son, for the Devil and his angels, for the godly, for the lost, and for the saved. Most important of all, it contains a plan for your life. This course is dedicated to the end that you might discover God's master plan as it is revealed in the Bible.

Above all may God especially help you find His plan for your life.

## **LESSONS YOU WILL STUDY**

1. God's Plan for Creation
2. God's Plan for the First Man and Woman
3. God's Plan Marred and Renewed
4. God's Plan Accepted and Rejected
5. God's Plan Retold to Faithful Families
6. God's Plan for a Nation—Its Organization
7. God's Plan for a Nation—On to Canaan
8. God's Plan for a Nation—From the Judges to the Kings



9. God's Plan for a Nation—Decline and Fall
10. God's Plan for His Son
11. God's Plan for the Church
12. God's Plan for the Future

## HOW TO STUDY

Begin by asking God to open your heart to receive the truths He would teach you from His Word. Read the lesson through at least twice, once to get the general drift of its contents and then again, slowly, looking up all Scripture references and examining all footnotes.

## EXAMS

Each exam covers two lessons. (Exam 1, for example, covers lessons 1 and 2.) Each exam is clearly marked to show you which questions deal with which lesson. You may take the exam in two stages. When you have completed lesson 1, you may take the part of Exam 1 dealing with that lesson. Do not mail the exam to the School, however, until you have completed lesson 2 and taken the second part of the exam. *NEVER SEND IN AN EXAM FOR CORRECTION UNTIL BOTH PARTS ARE COMPLETED.* Send in an exam for correction as soon as you have completed all of it.

### 1. Thought and Research Questions

Some exams contain questions designed to make you do original Bible study. You may use your Bible to answer these questions. They are clearly marked.

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Questions headed in this way are optional and no point value is assigned to them. You may freely state your own opinions in

answer to such questions. Your candid answers will help your instructor get to know you better as an individual. They will also help us evaluate the general effectiveness of this course.

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## **GROUP ENROLLMENTS**

If you are enrolled in a class, submit your exam papers to the leader or secretary of the class who will send them for the entire group to the Correspondence School.

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Begin studying immediately, or, if you are in a group, as soon as the group begins. Try to keep a regular study schedule. You will be allowed a maximum of one year to complete this course from the time of enrollment.



## Lesson 1

# *God's Plan for Creation*

Dr. Yeager of Cal State College in Hayward, California, was concluding his opening remarks to a college class. About fifteen minutes of the class period were left when he asked the question, "Who made this old world anyhow?" Precisely at the end of his question lightning overhead suddenly flashed across the sky followed by thunder which dramatically shook the entire classroom. Dr. Yeager and the class remained silent as the shock of the thunder faded from their feelings. Then the professor gathered himself together and wisely stated, "Anything I would say now would be anticlimactic (less meaningful than the thunder). The class is dismissed." The class laughed and the tension of the moment was broken. Everyone filed out of the class except for Dr. Yeager and one student.

The student, who had been praying for God to work in that class, went to the professor and shared a verse from the Bible: "That thunder reminded me of a verse in the Bible. Here in Psalm 29:3 it says, 'The God of glory thunders. . . .'" Dr. Yeager responded with another verse from the Bible, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handiwork." He said the verse as if he was beginning to believe it for the first time.

## GOD HAD A PLAN

Who made this old world anyhow? It is written in the thunder of the



sky and in the truth of the Bible that "God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). But few people realize that God not only made the world, but He also had a plan which He followed. The Bible calls God's plan His "eternal purpose" or "secret plan" (Ephesians 3:11). He not only made "this old world," He planned its every detail.

Before the world began the triune God planned everything (2 Timothy 1:9). God the Father, the Son and the Spirit together charted out the stars, the sun, the moon, the comets, the meteorites and this world we live in (Hebrews 1:1, 2 and Genesis 1:2). They planned light and darkness, day and night, summer and winter, and spring time and harvest. They planned the atmosphere of our world, the clouds above and the air beneath. They planned the mountains, the valleys and the hills. They planned the seas, the lakes, the rivers and the oceans. They designed the fruit trees, the flowers and the grasses. They worked out the details for the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and the animals of the land. Together they shaped a plan that would be used to get the world ready for living people like you and me. The crown of their creative planning was to be the creation of a man and a woman. God knew that His plan was good and that it would come to pass.

## CREATION

When the time had come, God spoke, and His plan burst into being. The heavens and the earth appeared. Light broke across the dark and lifeless world. The atmosphere was formed and clouds rolled like a blanket around the earth. The oceans heaved, encircling the earth. Then the dry land was raised. The continents, the islands, the archipelagos appeared. Next God created life. He brought grass and herbs and trees into being and clothed the hills and valleys with beauty. He appointed the sun and moon to rule the day and the night and caused the shining stars to appear. He filled the oceans with fish and then created insects and birds. Then He caused the land to teem with life. Animals of every sort appeared to roam the woods

and plains. And, last of all, God made man. The creation of man was the crowning achievement of all. He made man in His own image and after His own likeness. He formed his body of the dust of the earth and breathed into him the breath of life. Man became a living soul (with eternal consciousness). Then God ordained man to be the lord of the earth. He gave him dominion over all and told him to subdue the earth.

Then God stood back and admired the works of His hands. Resting in the created beauty of it all, He said, "That's very good!" So, in six creative days did God create the heaven and the earth, and on the seventh day, His plan a reality, He rested in the goodness of all that He had made. Read about this magnificent creation in the Bible (Genesis 1:1-31 and 2:1-4).

## THE ATOMIC NATURE OF THINGS

What you have just read in the Bible clearly shows that God made this world and all that it contains. In another part of the Bible we are told clearly what God used to make everything. His plan was to make everything we can see from something we cannot see (Hebrews 11:3).

In recent years scientists have discovered the truth that "the worlds were framed by the word of God, *so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear*" (Hebrews 11:3). They have discovered that everything in the world is made up of atoms, electrons, protons, neutrons—none of which can be seen with the naked eye. Scientists have invented symbolic pictures of this invisible, unseen world to show how atoms work and react. Everything is made up of tiny invisible particles which cannot be seen by the eye but can be understood by the mind.

The Bible recorded this scientific truth thousands of years before the scientists made their discovery. How could this be? The God who gave us the Bible is the same God who planned and created the heaven and the earth. Part of His plan was that the things which we can see would be made out of things which we cannot see.

## THE DINOSAURS

One problem people have when they think about creation concerns the origin and destruction of dinosaurs. Where did they come from? Why doesn't the Bible mention them by name?

To answer the first question, we do know where they came from. They were created by Jesus Christ (John 1:3, 10). Scientists have never disproved that.

To answer the second question, the Bible does not mention dinosaurs by name; but this does not disprove the Bible. A high school arithmetic book does not contain all the kinds of problems that exist. Does this mean the lessons in the book are false because it does not contain all kinds of problems that exist? Of course not! The same is true of the Bible. It does not name or describe every animal in the world, but it does tell what God thinks we need to know. And when it does mention anything truly scientific, it is *always* right.

Though the Bible does not explain dinosaurs, there is an explanation about them which makes sense and will fit into the Bible story of creation. It may help to satisfy your curiosity. One popular explanation is that first, God created the heavens and the earth, which included dinosaurs. Then He destroyed all life on earth. The earth became dark and lifeless. Then God remade the earth as it is now, with the present kinds of plants, animals, and humans. Geological evidence supports the theory that there was a sudden destruction of the dinosaurs in the ancient past. This destruction may well have been before God reformed the earth and created life as we know it today.

## THE "GAP THEORY"

This explanation fits into the Bible story of creation as follows:

Genesis says:	Explanation says:
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (1:1).	At this time God created dinosaurs.
And the earth was without form and void (became empty and unlivable) and darkness was upon the face of the deep . . . (1:2).	This is when all dinosaurs died.
And God said, Let there be light . . . (1:3).	This is the time when God began to remake the world for present living things.

This explanation is called *The Gap Theory* because of the suggested gap between the first time of creation and the second time of creation. The Gap Theory can be visualized thus—

First Creation	Gap of Time	New Creation
Time of Dinosaurs.	Life of first creation destroyed.	God makes life as we know it today.

Is the Gap Theory true? We do not know for sure. God did not think it important enough to tell us in His Word, the Bible. What He does think important is that we know that He created all living things.

No matter what the truth is about the dinosaurs, we do know that God planned the heaven and the earth. He created it and made it a place fit for life as we know it. Then He filled it with living things. He not only made it, He knows what is going to happen to it in the future. He knows what is going to happen to its people. And He knows what is going to happen to you. He has a plan for the future of the world, and He has a plan for your life. Later you will read about those plans, but now you must answer the questions that follow in Exam 1. After you have finished, continue your study. The next lesson discusses God's plan for a man and his wife.



When you have mastered this lesson, take the first part of Exam 1 (covering lesson 1), questions 1-10 on pages 13-14 (right after lesson 2). Remember, you will not turn this exam in for correction until after you have done lesson 2.

## Lesson 2

# *God's Plan for the First Man and Woman*

One computer said to another, "Do you think there really is such a being as man, or did we just evolve?" Of course we all know the origin of the computer. It did not evolve! It was planned and built by men. It had a maker.

## DID MAN JUST EVOLVE?

It is popular today to believe that the universe came into being by so-called "natural causes" and that all life had its earliest beginnings in some primitive, primordial substance which first appeared in the sea. Plants and animals are said to have developed by gradual, continuous change from earlier forms. Man is said to have descended from one of the primates. Much of the reasoning in evolution is based on observed similarities between living things. A dog and an oak tree, for example, have little in common, according to this theory, because their common ancestor is to be found only in very remote geological times. The common ancestor of the worm and the dog is closer in time. (Evolutionists demand enormous periods of time for the working out of their theory.) In many schools nowadays the theory of evolution is taught as though it were proven fact even though many of the questions it raises are still unanswered. One reason for its popularity is that the theory gives men a seemingly intelligent excuse for not believing in God.

## PROBLEMS WITH THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

According to the Bible atheistic evolutionists (those who say there is no God) are fools. Psalm 14 says, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' " These people accept evolution as a fact even though there are many, many questions it cannot answer. These questions shatter the theory of atheistic evolution. Consider some of the questions which atheistic evolution must answer to prove itself true—

1. If man's "first ancestor," the cell, began by *chance*, why is it that all life since then has *order* and *purpose*? All physical life depends on fixed laws to keep it going. Take away the laws (the order and purpose) and life would not last. This order and purpose in living things today proves that it did not begin by chance millions of years ago.
2. If a complex computer must have a maker, how is it that man, who is far more complex than a mere computer, needs no maker?
3. Why is it that so many scientists who believe in evolution disagree in the way it came about? There is no disagreement among scientists about the real facts of science. They do not argue about the fact that fire needs oxygen or that the earth travels around the sun.
4. The theory of evolution is based partly on the way animals are grouped or classified. But not all scientists group animals in identical classes, nor do they all agree as to how they should be grouped. If evolution is to be proven by the orderly grouping of animals, and scientists cannot agree upon the groupings, how then can it be accepted as a fact?
5. The earth's fossils show some change within certain species. But other species have not changed at all in millions of years. How is this to be explained?

6. If life began by chance, why is evolution based upon an orderly selective process?
7. What really logical and satisfactory argument can be given for all the missing links between the fossils?

There are many more questions which the atheistic evolutionist could be asked which could not be answered with satisfaction. These questions are enough, however, to show that evolution is only a theory and not a fact.

## CHANGES WITHIN THE SPECIES

Atheistic evolution has never really been proven. Yet it cannot be denied that changes have taken place within different species. There is fossil evidence that horses have changed considerably throughout their history. *But they have only changed within their own kind.* They are still horses. They have not evolved into other species.

A better example is man himself. There are many races of men. They have different skin color, are adapted to different climates, and vary in their languages. Yet they are still men. None are in the process of changing from being man to being some other kind of being. Changes have taken place *within* different kinds of life but not from one species or kind into another.

## MAN'S TRUE ORIGIN

What about the true beginning of man? How did he really begin? The Bible is the only ancient book which gives us a satisfactory account of how man began. Man's origin is recorded in Genesis 1:26, 27-31 and Genesis 2:7-25. Read it in the Bible before you continue this lesson.

This world did not come about by chance. God planned it according to His "eternal purpose" (Ephesians 3:11). So when it came time to make the first man and woman, God did it according to His plan.



God planned that the first man, Adam, and his wife, Eve, would be like Himself. They would be created in His own likeness and in His own image (Genesis 1:26, 27). In what ways would they be like him?

Though God is one, He actually exists in three persons: as God the Father, as God the Spirit and as God the Son. (We generally refer to God, therefore, as a Trinity.) God decided to make man like Himself: he would be one and yet three. He would be body, soul and spirit. God has feelings; so He would make man with feelings. The Son of God would one day take a body; He would make man with a body. God can reason and decide things; He planned to make man the same way. God is high above man; He would make man high above plants, animals, birds, fish, etc. God created the world; He would make man able to create tools, wheels, fire and many other things. God can talk to Himself and others; God would make man so he could talk to himself, to God and to others. God has endless being; God would endow man with endless being. So God planned that man would be like Himself in many ways. Then God carried out His plan. From the elements of the earth He formed a man. From the rib of the man God formed a woman. Into each of them He breathed His own likeness.

There were some other ways in which God planned that Adam and Eve should be like Himself. God rules everything. So God planned that Adam and Eve should rule over something too. According to God's plan, man would rule over all living things on earth. He told Adam and Eve to "subdue (rule over)" the fish, the birds, all cattle and all creeping things. All animals, vegetables and minerals were to be at man's disposal.

But there was more in God's plan for Adam and Eve. God Himself was fruitful and creative. He was the maker of life. He brought it into being. Man was to be like Him. So Adam and Eve were given the ability to bring life into the world. Through Adam and Eve's marriage, many children were to be born, so God told Adam and Eve to be "fruitful and multiply" and fill the earth with people like themselves.

There was even more in God's plan for the first man and his wife.

God was a worker. He would give Adam and Eve work to do also. He therefore created a garden for Adam and Eve and told them to take care of it. Adam and Eve must have enjoyed themselves in the garden for it was "well watered," filled with trees that were both "pleasant to the sight" and draped with delicious fruits. God's plan for them was good.

## THE TEST

God had something else in His plan for Adam and Eve. Long before the creation of man, God had been challenged by a being named Satan (the Devil or "the Serpent," as he is sometimes called). Satan had lived in heaven and wanted to be above God. He went against God but God defeated him, limited him and promised him a final place of punishment—the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10 and Matthew 25:41). Before Satan's final punishment would come, however, he would be further humiliated. This humiliation would come about through the plan that God had for Adam and Eve and their children.

God would allow Satan to challenge man. He would allow him to try to persuade man to disobey God. God knew that Adam and Eve would fail the test. But He also knew a way to forgive Adam and Eve for their failure. He had planned great things for Adam and Eve. After their failure He would give them the very thing Satan had tried to get by force. He would give them God-likeness in a new and wonderful way. And Satan would have to hang his head, crushed with eternal shame.

So God's plan for the first man and his wife was completed. Adam and Eve were created to be like God in many ways. They were to be tested and to lose some of their God-likeness for a time. This loss would bring them temporary shame and defeat. But one day the Son of God would come into the world to share their humanity and to save them. This One would be both the Son of God and the seed of the woman. He would pay the price of their failure and sin, crush Satan and guarantee them a new and greater God-likeness. (Read about this in Genesis 3:1-15.)

When you are ready, complete Exam 1 by answering questions 11-20 on pages 15-16. (You should have already answered questions 1-10 as part of your study of lesson 1.)

When you have answered all the questions in Exam 1, mail the exam for correction.

# A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Exam 1  
Lessons 1, 2

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## LESSON 1

*In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.*

1. In Genesis 1:1 we are told that
  - a. the heavens declare the glory of God
  - b. the God of glory thunders
  - ☒ c. God created the heaven and the earth
  - d. the voice of the Lord is powerful

C
2. When God made the world, He
  - ☒ a. followed a secret and detailed plan
  - b. started things, then let evolution take over the rest of the process
  - c. wasn't sure how it would all turn out
  - d. decided what to make next as He went along

A
3. The triune God planned everything so that
  - a. He might have power over more creatures
  - b. the angels would have something to do
  - ☒ c. He could rest on the Sabbath Day
  - d. the world would be just right for man to live in

D
4. When the time came to make the world, God
  - ☒ a. simply spoke and **everything** appeared
  - b. made everything out of dust
  - c. both spoke and acted in creation
  - d. sent great angels to work as He directed

A

5. The creation of man was the crowning achievement because  
a. he was made in the image of God  
b. he was made a living soul  
c. he was to be the lord of the earth  
d. of all the above reasons
6. Hebrews 11:3 tells us that God made the world from  
a. nothing  
b. something we can't see  
c. a mass of hot gases  
d. small particles of matter
7. The subject of dinosaurs  
a. is adequately treated in the Bible  
b. is not mentioned in the Bible  
c. proves that the Bible is unscientific and can't be trusted  
d. raises problems that have no explanation at all
8. The Gap Theory is so called because  
a. there is a gap in our knowledge of dinosaurs  
b. there is a suggested gap between the first and second times of creation  
c. of the missing links in the theory of evolution  
d. the theory has some holes in it
9. The sudden destruction of dinosaurs which took place long ago  
a. is supported by geological evidence  
b. is a possibility but cannot be proved  
c. has been suggested just to make the Gap Theory seem right  
d. is definitely not a fact
10. God planned and created the world  
a. but He has no plans for its future  
b. but He doesn't care what happens to it in the future  
c. but He leaves everything now for man to do  
d. and He has a plan for the future of the world and for my life

A

B

B

B

A

D

## LESSON 2

*In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.*

11. The theory of evolution
- a. is the only intelligent explanation of the origin of man
  - b. is not believed by very many people today
  - c. leaves no questions about man's origin unanswered
  - ☒ d. is popular because it gives men an excuse for not believing in God

D

12. Atheistic evolution says that life
- a. began with fixed laws
  - ☒ b. began by chance
  - c. evolved after God started the process
  - d. is dependent on God to keep going

B

13. The scientists who believe in evolution
- a. disagree about the way it happened
  - b. disagree about the real facts of science
  - ☒ c. agree as to how animals should be grouped
  - d. say there are no missing links between fossils

C

14. Fossil evidence that horses have changed throughout their history shows that
- a. atheistic evolution is right
  - b. some are no longer horses
  - ☒ c. they have not evolved into other species
  - d. even man can change eventually into some other kind of higher being

C

15. The only ancient record which gives a satisfactory account of how man began is found in
- a. the Egyptian creation myth
  - b. the Babylonian creation epic
  - c. the writings of Plato
  - ☒ d. the Bible

D

16. Which of these statements is **NOT** true? Man was made like God in that he
- a. is one and yet three
  - b. can reason and decide things
  - ☒ c. is as great as God
  - d. can talk and communicate with others

C



17. According to God's original plan, man would
- rule over the earth
  - never have to work
  - not be able to sin
  - be in subjection to the angels
- A
18. God knew that Satan
- would never dare to challenge man to sin
  - would not succeed in getting man to disobey God
  - would succeed in getting man to sin
  - could not be defeated
- C
19. Man's sin in Eden
- meant he could never be like God again
  - meant he could never be forgiven
  - meant that God had to give up all His plans for man
  - brought him through God's grace to greater God-likeness than ever
- D
20. Using your Bible, match each statement with the correct reference.
- |                     |   |          |
|---------------------|---|----------|
| a. Isaiah 14:13-14  | The lake of fire was prepared for Satan                 | <u>B</u> |
| b. Revelation 20:10 | Satan wanted to be above God                            | <u>A</u> |
| c. Matthew 25:41    | God pronounced the doom of Satan                        | <u>D</u> |
| d. Genesis 3:14-15  | Satan goes about like a roaring lion to harm Christians | <u>E</u> |
| e. 1 Peter 5:8      | Satan is punished forever                               | <u>C</u> |

### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Do you believe the Bible account of creation? Give a reason for your answer.

*yes. God had a secret and detailed plan, for man. This world did not come about by chance. I also believe, because I have read it in the first 3 chapter of Genesis; and the Bible is the word of God.*

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PLEASE enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your corrected exam.

### Lesson 3

## *God's Plan Marred and Renewed*

### THE POTTER

A potter was making a clay pot on a wheel, carefully molding it into shape as he turned the wheel with his feet. He planned a beautiful pot, one that would please himself and those who would use it. But something went wrong and the pot was spoiled, its beauty destroyed. Should he throw the damaged pot away? Should he discard his plan and make a new one? No! Instead he lifted the partly finished pot from the wheel, threw it onto a smooth stone slab and beat the clay until the flaw had been worked out. Then he put it back onto the wheel and reshaped it into the likeness that he had planned.

Later the potter baked the pot in a hot oven, removing it when it was ready and letting it cool. When it was cold he picked it up and admired it. The marred spot was gone. As he held it he said to himself, "Clay pot, you are even more beautiful than I had planned. Once a flaw marred your beauty, but now you are perfect."

### GOD'S PLAN

God is like that potter. But instead of making a pot, God made all the living things upon this planet. The last and most beautiful of these were Adam and Eve. God had a beautiful plan for them. He planned that they would be like Himself. They would be able to reason, to rule,

to create, to reproduce, to work and to enjoy His presence. But they disobeyed Him, marring the beauty of His plan and damaging themselves in their hearts, souls and minds. They brought sin into the world with results which would be passed on to all mankind. Had they spoiled God's plan forever? Would He destroy them? No! He had planned a way for Adam and Eve to be forgiven and their sin removed. Though they had lost their likeness to His plan, He would restore it. In fact He would do even more than that. Someday God would be able to say to Adam and Eve, "You failed and damaged my plan for awhile. But now you are perfect and beautiful just as I had planned. Moreover you are now a new creation altogether and have a relationship with Me far better than the one you lost by your fall."

## **WHAT WAS LOST?**

Adam and Eve lost much when they marred God's plan. They lost their purity. They became afraid and ashamed and hid from God because they were afraid of Him. They lost their physical lives, for they began to die. Their bodies started to age. They might live on for a long time but they were doomed to die. Eve lost her joy; she would have children in sorrow and pain. She would be ruled over by the man Adam. Adam lost his joy too. From now on when he worked in the fields, he would sweat and have hard toil. There would be weeds, thorns and thistles to fight. His work would be a drudgery as well as a blessing. Moreover, Adam and Eve lost the right to live in the garden of Eden. God drove them out placing guardians at its gates to keep them out. Finally, their children would share in the results of Adam and Eve's sin, for all people would be born under the curse.

All of Adam and Eve's losses and suffering marred God's original plan. But this marring would not be eternal. God had a way planned which would restore all that they had lost and give them even more.

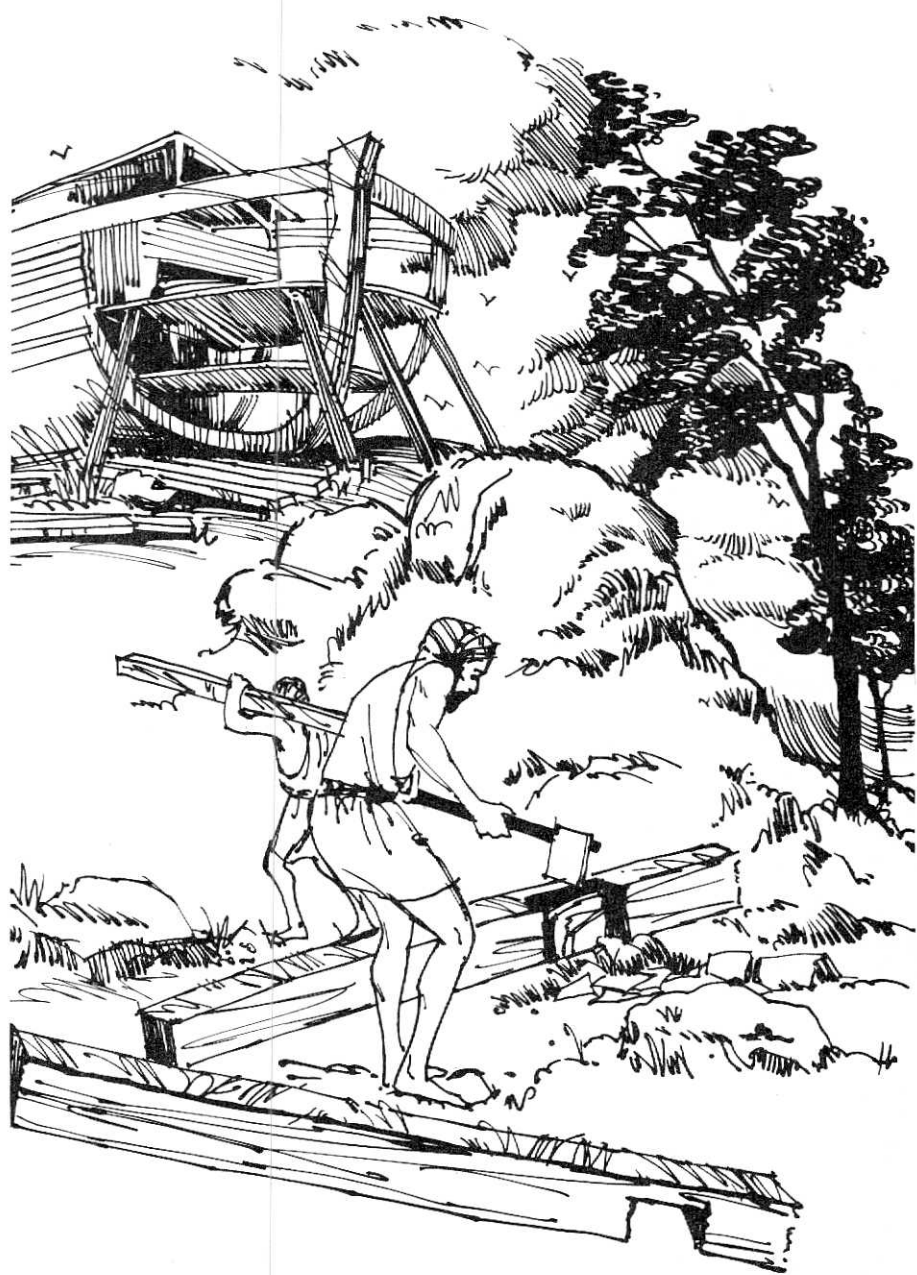
## **THE WAY BACK**

How would God restore all that Adam and Eve had lost? First, He

promised them children. One day the Son of God would come to share their humanity and break the power of Satan, who had tricked them and caused all their losses. This future Child would be both Son of Man and Son of God. He would be born of the Virgin Mary but also of the Holy Spirit. Of course we know Him now as the Lord Jesus Christ. He would suffer, but that would defeat Satan's plot to destroy God's plan. Second, God took away the shame of Adam and Eve by clothing them in the skin of animals. To do this some animals had to die. The clothing made from these skins allowed Adam and Eve to approach God and enjoy His presence from a distance. Later the distance would be removed when the Lord Jesus defeated Satan. Of course, the death of the animals and the skin-clothes were really a picture. They showed that the coming Child would die, remove the shame of sin completely, and clothe men with His own righteousness. Third, they would one day be restored to what God had first planned for them. After their death, and the death of this future Child, they would be given new bodies. In their new bodies they would be restored to a new Paradise. All that they had lost would be regained—and more. They, and those of their children who shared in God's plan, would enjoy a restored paradise forever. Adam and Eve had lost everything through sin. God would restore everything through His own love and wisdom.

Read the following verses upon which this chapter is based: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 5:12, 15-21; Revelation 2:7, and 22:1-6.

When you have mastered this lesson, take the first part of Exam 2 (covering lesson 3), questions 1-10 on pages 25-26 (right after lesson 4). Remember, you will not turn this exam in for correction until after you have done lesson 4.



## Lesson 4

# *God's Plan Accepted and Rejected*

## THE GREAT CHOICE

Since the time of Adam and Eve's sin, millions of people have had to say yes or no to God's plan of salvation. They have had to choose His way or another way. They have had to decide whether they would take the narrow way of God or the broad way of most men. Their choices have determined the way they have lived their lives on earth and whether or not they will some day be living with God in heaven or with the devil in hell.

Like all the rest of us, Adam and Eve's first children had to choose to reject or accept God's plan. Their first child, Cain, tried to come to God his own way and was rejected by God. Their second child, Abel, accepted God's plan and found forgiveness and acceptance with God. (Read about Cain and Abel in Genesis 4:1-6.)

## THE WAY OF CAIN

Because Abel accepted God's plan, he was hated by his brother Cain. Cain's hatred was fanned by the Devil who, the Bible says, was a liar from the beginning. The Devil encouraged Cain to kill his brother. So Cain caught up with his brother in a field one day and slew him. He murdered him because his brother had accepted God's way and he had not. (1 John 3:12 says the reason for the murder was because Cain's

works were evil and Abel's were righteous.) The first murder in the world took place because God's plan was rejected. Had Cain accepted God's plan instead of rejecting it, he would have had no reason to kill his brother.

Cain's refusal of God's plan and his murder of his brother caused him to live a miserable life. He lived like a hunted man. He felt like a criminal being chased. His sin against his brother caused him such great misery on earth that he said, "My punishment is greater than I can bear." And, so far as we know, Cain is still living a life of misery in a lost eternity. All because he rejected God's plan.

## **THE WORLD GETS WORSE AND WORSE**

After Cain and Abel millions of people followed their examples. Some accepted God's plan as did Abel. Others rejected it as did Cain. As time passed, more and more chose to ignore God's plan with the result that the world became full of sin and evil, violence, murder and vice. The world got so terrible that finally there were only eight people in the world who were saved from the Flood. These eight were Noah, his three sons and their wives. (Read about this in Genesis 6:5-7.)

## **THE FLOOD**

The evil in the world greatly grieved God. He decided to destroy all living things on earth except for the eight people who believed in Him and certain animals. These He decided to spare. He told Noah that he would soon destroy the world and all living things that breathed upon the earth. Then He gave directions for Noah and his family to build a large ship called an ark and to get ready for a great flood that would come. Only those in the ark would be spared from death. The only safe place in the world would be inside the ark.

The great flood came and all living things died except for Noah, his family and the animals that were with them in the ark. After the flood was over Noah built an altar and in gratitude to God offered



animal sacrifices to Him. God saw the sacrifices and He was pleased for they reminded Him of His plan to send His Son into the world one day to die as a sacrifice for sin. They also pleased Him because they showed the faith that Noah had in God's plan. How happy God was that there would be many who would believe like Noah and find safety as He had through faith in God's way. (Read Genesis 7:10, 12, 13, 15, 23 and 8:1, 2, 19, 20-22.)

The world has changed in many ways since Noah's days. Yet there is one way in which it has not changed at all. There are still only two kinds of people in the world: those who have accepted God's plan and those who have not. To which group do you belong?

When you are ready, complete Exam 2 by answering questions 11-20 on pages 27-28. (You should have already answered questions 1-10 as part of your study of lesson 3.)

When you have answered all the questions in Exam 2, mail the exam for correction.



# A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Exam 2  
Lessons 3, 4

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## LESSON 3

*In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.*

1. The potter in Jeremiah 18
  - a. had no plan for the pot he was making
  - b. didn't care when the pot was spoiled
  - c. just discarded the damaged pot
  - ☒ d. worked carefully to salvage the pot

D
2. The damaged pot
  - a. could not be re-made
  - b. always showed a little flaw
  - ☒ c. became even more beautiful than the potter originally expected
  - d. though useful, was not something to be admired

C
3. Like the potter in Jeremiah 18, God
  - a. had no particular plans for Adam and Eve
  - b. was not concerned when they were marred by sin
  - c. decided man was not worth salvaging
  - ☒ d. had a way for Adam and Eve to be restored

D
4. After Adam and Eve sinned
  - a. they could never again be like God
  - ☒ b. God provided a means whereby they could have an even better relationship with them than they had previously enjoyed
  - c. God's plan for them was spoiled forever
  - d. God couldn't restore them completely

B

5. Which of the following is **NOT** right? When Adam and Eve sinned, they lost their
- ☒ a. purity
  - b. chance of ever being saved
  - c. joy
  - d. home in the garden of Eden
- A
6. In Genesis 3 God told Adam he would have
- ☒ a. toil and sweat in making a living
  - b. fruitful harvests
  - c. no weeds in his fields
  - d. a happy life
- A
7. In Genesis 3:15 God promised
- a. to make peace between Eve and the serpent
  - b. that Eve's children would not be afraid of snakes
  - ☒ c. that the seed of Eve (Jesus Christ) would defeat Satan
  - d. that Adam and Eve would defeat Satan
- C
8. When God clothed Adam and Eve with animal skins,
- a. they were still afraid to approach God
  - b. they didn't want to wear such clothing
  - c. He did it to keep them warm in winter
  - ☒ d. He gave them a picture of how the Lord Jesus would die to clothe men with righteousness
- D
9. God says He will give to man
- a. a new home in the Garden of Eden
  - ☒ b. even more than he lost when he sinned
  - c. happiness here on earth
  - d. a very long life
- B
10. Revelation 22:1-6 gives us a picture of heaven—Paradise regained. List three things it tells us about God's servants there:
- a. They will worship him
  - b. They shall see his face
  - c. His name shall be written on their forehead

## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

What evidence of sin can you see in your own life?

*I sometimes find myself living independently of God. Sinning through my thoughts. Some times I carry a grudge against some body for a few minutes. Forget to bless my food.*

## LESSON 4

In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.

11. Since God has revealed His plan of salvation to us we  
a. must accept His plan if we are to be saved from our sin  
b. may be neutral, neither accepting nor rejecting God's way  
c. ought to compare it with man-made plans to see which suits us best  
d. will all be saved in the end

A

12. The choice we make—to accept or reject God's plan—will determine  
a. how we live our lives  
b. whether we go to heaven or hell  
c. both a and b  
d. neither a nor b

B

13. Cain was rejected by God because  
a. God loved Abel better  
b. he refused God's way and tried to come to God his own way  
c. he made no effort to approach God  
d. he was angry with God

C

14. Cain murdered his brother because  
a. they didn't get along well together  
b. he thought Abel was their parents' favorite  
c. he knew he could get away with it  
d. Abel had accepted God's way and he had not

D

15. Cain's refusal of God's plan  
a. meant that he lived a miserable, hunted, unhappy life  
b. didn't change his way of life at all  
c. brought no punishment from God  
d. meant that he lived alone in the wilderness the rest of his life A
16. As time passed,  
a. more people chose God's way than rejected God's way  
b. conditions in the world became better and better  
c. God was very pleased with men's behavior  
d. the world became full of sin and evil and violence D
17. God decided to destroy all living things on the earth except for eight people who believed and certain animals because  
a. He had ceased to love them  
b. He was disappointed with the way He had made them.  
c. The evil in the world greatly grieved God. C  
d. People wanted to be destroyed
18. God told Noah His plan and directed him to  
a. flee from the flood to a high mountain  
b. build a large ship  
c. build a high tower  
d. figure out for himself how to escape the coming judgment B
19. After the flood, Noah offered animal sacrifices to God because he  
a. was afraid God might punish him  
b. was full of praise to God for saving him and his family  
c. was cruel  
d. was afraid the animals would attack him B
20. Since Noah's day,  
a. the world hasn't changed at all  
b. there is more than one way of being saved  
c. all who want to be saved must accept God's plan  
d. God has destroyed the earth many times C

## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Write in your own words God's plan of salvation.

God loves us. He offers us a full and meaningful life. It abundant and everlasting. It was made possible by Christ's death and resurrection. We enter this life through a spiritual birth. We are sinner by nature. We remain an unforgiven sinner by choice, for God offers forgiveness of sin and eternal life through Jesus Christ. This new life become yours when you accept Christ as your Lord and Saviour. Be willing to turn from your sins and ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and take control of your life.

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## Lesson 5

# *God's Plan*

## *Retold to Faithful Families*

### THE GREAT TOWER

After the great flood was over Noah and his family showed that they trusted God's plan by offering a sacrifice to God. This proved their faith in a coming Savior. However, as time passed, they had many children who rejected the true God and His plan. After hundreds of years, these descendants of Noah decided upon a plan of action which was completely against God's will. They agreed to build a tower so tall that it would reach up into heaven. Perhaps they thought they could reach high enough to find God's home. Or did they think perhaps the tower would be a place of safety if another flood came? Their plan angered God. He had revealed His will and had promised not to flood the world again. They did not believe Him. God punished these wicked men by changing their language so one group of people could not talk directly to another. Unable to talk to one another, they left the work on the tower unfinished and in large groups migrated throughout the world. (Read Genesis 11:1-9.)

The world was covered with many people, many tribes, many nations, all separated by the simple fact that they could not understand one another. And most of them did not know God's plan or accept it.

### GOD CHOSE ABRAHAM

Years passed. Then God chose one man and his family to whom he

would retell and further unfold His plan. The man's name was Abram (or Abraham). Abraham lived in a city named Ur where many of his relatives worshipped idols. One day God told Abraham to leave Ur and go into another land. There, God promised, He would bless him, protect him, give him the land, make his name great, and give him children as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand upon the sea shores. (Read Genesis 12:1-4.)

Abraham believed God and obeyed Him. He left his home town of Ur and traveled into the land promised by God. There he built altars and wells. He fought battles. He prayed. He had times when his faith was weak and when he failed God. He had times when his faith was strong and he pleased God. But most important of all, he passed two great tests of his faith which reassured him of the truth of God's plan (Genesis 12-25).

## THE FIRST TEST

The first test of his faith had to do with his future. God had promised him that the whole world would be blessed through his many children. Yet his wife Sarah could have no children so how could God keep His promise to him? Still, he believed God and after 25 years God miraculously gave him a son when he was 100 years old. This son, Isaac, became the forefather of the Lord Jesus Christ through whom the whole world has been blessed. God kept His promise to Abraham. He gave him a son. Abraham's faith was strengthened. He knew he could trust God for the future. (Read Genesis 21:1-5.)

## THE SECOND TEST

Abraham's second test was harder than his first. God asked Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. What a test! God had finally given him a son and now He was asking him to take his life in sacrifice. How could the world be blessed through him if his son was dead? Again, it was hard but Abraham obeyed God. He believed that if he

offered his son to God, God would bring that son back to life again. He was about to plunge the knife in his son's heart when God stopped him. God did not really want Abraham to kill his son. He just wanted to test his faith and by that test picture for all of us the greater day when He would offer His own Son Jesus to die for our sin. Thus, both of Abraham's tests of his faith showed his trust in God's magnificent plan. (Read Genesis 22:1, 2, 10, 12, 13; Romans 8:31, 32 and Hebrews 11.)

## THE STORY OF JOSEPH

After Abraham's life was over, God retold His plan to Isaac and his family. Then God retold it to Jacob, one of Isaac's sons. Some time later Jacob's son Joseph was chosen by God to illustrate God's plan. Joseph's life would be like Jesus' life in many ways. Joseph was rejected by his brothers and sold as a slave. Jesus would be rejected by His own people and be sold for the price of a slave. Joseph had great suffering which he did not deserve. Jesus would know suffering, even a death which He would not deserve. In the end Joseph was accepted by his family and they were greatly blessed by him. So Jesus would be accepted later by those who rejected Him. Joseph was lifted from a pit and a prison into a palace to a place of great power. Jesus would be lifted from the grave to rule in glory in heaven. Joseph saved his family from starvation. Jesus would save all who trust in Him from spiritual hunger. Thus Joseph's life pictured in many ways the plan of God for His Son (Genesis 25-50).

Because of a famine, all of Joseph's relatives came to live in Egypt. There with Joseph's help and blessing, they prospered. They grew in number from just 75 people to millions. They taught God's plan to their children. But there in Egypt they later became slaves to the Egyptians. Still, there in Egypt they grew in number and became a nation—the nation of Israel. No longer would God reveal Himself to families only. He would show His plan now to a whole nation! (Read Exodus 1:1-7, 13, 14.)

When you have mastered this lesson, take the first part of Exam 3 (covering lesson 5), questions 1-10 on pages 39-41 (right after lesson 6). Remember, you will not turn this exam in for correction until after you have done lesson 6.

## Lesson 6

# *God's Plan for a Nation— Its Organization*

### A NATION OF SLAVES

The descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob grew in number in the land of Egypt. From just seventy people they multiplied into at least a million. At first they were happy in the land. Joseph, their relative, was the second highest leader in all of Egypt and he made sure that they were well treated. But eventually Joseph died and soon after the Egyptians began to treat the Israelites cruelly. They made them slaves, beat them, killed some of their children for their belief in the true God. Because of their suffering and slavery, they cried to God for help. (Read Exodus 2:23-25.)

### THE PLAGUES

God heard the cry of the Israelites. He had told Abraham years before that his children would be slaves (strangers) in a strange land for a little over four hundred years. After that He would set them free and they would become a mighty nation. God had given His word to Abraham. He would keep it. (Read Genesis 15:13, 14.)

God did keep His promise to Abraham. He chose a man named Moses to be the one through whom He would deliver Israel, weld the people into a nation and make them His own. God took eighty years to prepare Moses for his special task—forty of those years were spent

in Pharaoh's court and forty of them were spent as a shepherd in the wilderness. Then He sent him to Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, with a demand that he set the Israelites free. Because Pharaoh refused to let them go, God sent plagues (punishments) of blood, maggots, flies, frogs, disease, hail, locusts, darkness and death upon the Egyptians. The last plague caused Pharaoh to let the people go. To Pharaoh it must have been the worst plague of all because it killed many Egyptians including his own son.

How the Israelites were spared in that last terrible plague is very important. The Israelites were told to kill a lamb (one for a family) and place its blood on the door posts and top beams of the doors of their homes. Then, when the avenging angel came he would see the blood and would pass over the homes thus marked and would harm none within. God kept His promise. Only in those homes without blood upon the doors was the firstborn slain. Pharaoh was finally convinced. He must let the Israelites go free. It is estimated that three million Israelites filed out of Egypt toward freedom and the promised land. (Read Exodus, chapters 2 to 12.)

## THE EXODUS

But Pharaoh soon changed his mind. He gathered his army, marched swiftly after the fleeing Israelites and caught up with them at the Red Sea. He was ready to destroy or enslave again all of the people. He would have done so too but God stopped him. God told Moses to hold his shepherd's rod over the Red Sea. A great wind came and blew a path through the sea. Then the Israelites crossed over the dry sea bed to the other side. Pharaoh and his army decided to follow. But they were only part way across when Moses let down his rod. The waters flooded back and the Egyptians were drowned. (Read Exodus 14:5-31.)

## THE LAW GIVEN

Israel was free at last. However they were not yet ready for the



Promised Land so God led them southward to a mountain called Sinai. There they camped to wait for directions from God for the organization of their nation.

Because a nation needs organization and order to survive, God provided the necessary rules and laws. There at Sinai He gave the Israelites His law so they would know how to behave toward Himself and toward each other (Exodus chapters 20 to 23). They were given rules and laws about God, man, foreign nations, holy days, cleanliness, marriage, property, lying, stealing, adultery, murder, food, clothing, work, traveling, warfare, animals and diseases. All of the laws and rules were given by God for the good of the nation.

No nation can escape corruption without direct guidance from God and contact with Him. Therefore, at Sinai God gave Moses directions for building a special place of worship, one which could be easily moved and where He would meet with Moses and some of the other leaders in order to guide the affairs of the nation. This special building was called the Tabernacle. It became the center of the religious life of the people. Along with instructions for building the Tabernacle the people were instructed in how to offer animal sacrifices (Leviticus 4:27-31). Why? Because God knew that they would fail and often break His laws. He knew that people would need to be forgiven for their law-breaking. He knew also that some day He would send His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the real sacrifice for their sins. So, until His Son came, the people were to offer animal sacrifices as pictures of what God would ultimately do with His own Son. Sin involved a death penalty and only God's Son could pay it.

## THE LAW BROKEN

Most of the laws and plans for the nation were given to Moses as he talked to God on the summit of Mt. Sinai. But he was on top of the mountain so long that the people got tired waiting for him. Although Moses came down from the mountain once and the people promised to do all that God said, with the passing of time they became tired of waiting. They made a calf idol of gold and began to worship it. In doing

so they broke the first two laws that God had given to Moses—"Thou shalt have no gods except me. Thou shalt not make any graven images." Yet here were the people worshipping a calf as their god. When Moses came down from the mountain and saw their sin he was very angry. In his hand he had two stones carved by God with His holy laws. Moses threw these stones upon the ground, breaking them. Then he ground the calf to powder, mixed it with water and forced the people to drink it. But this was only the beginning of judgment. Those who were on God's side were ordered to execute many of the guilty people. Thousands died because of their sin. Moses then pleaded with God to forgive the people and the judgment stopped. Moses then went back up the mountain to receive a new copy of the law. (Read Exodus 34:1-4.) After the people received the law the second time, they seemed willing to obey God.

These famous laws for the orderly arrangement of the nation are found in Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers.

Thus Israel became a nation with laws and rules given by God Himself. Since they were the only nation to be directly planned and organized, they were sure to have an amazing history. The next lesson discusses some of the things which have happened in the history of Israel.

When you are ready, complete Exam 3 by answering questions 11-20 on pages 41-43. (You should have already answered questions 1-10 as part of your study of lesson 5.)

When you have answered all the questions in Exam 3, mail the exam for correction.

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Exam 3  
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## LESSON 5

*In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.*

1. Men's plan to build a city and high tower
  - a. pleased God
  - ☒ b. angered God
  - c. succeeded
  - d. was in accordance with God's plan for them

B
2. Because God changed the language at Babel,
  - a. men decided to obey God from then on
  - b. the people decided to use sign language only
  - ☒ c. the people scattered all over the earth
  - d. only one group stayed to finish the tower

C
3. Which of these is **NOT** true? God called Abram and promised to
  - a. bless him
  - ☒ b. give him long life
  - c. make of him a great nation
  - d. bless all the families of earth through him

B
4. In the land God had promised him, Abraham
  - a. built houses and temples to God
  - b. never had to do any fighting
  - c. forgot to worship God
  - ☒ d. sometimes failed God but passed God's two great tests of his faith

D

5. Abraham and Sarah
- a. had a son when Abraham was 100 years old
  - b. had many children
  - c. didn't believe God would give them a son
  - d. weren't too old to have a son without a miracle
6. When God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, He
- a. wanted Abraham to really kill his son
  - b. was testing Abraham's faith in His promises
  - c. was picturing for us how He would offer up His own Son for our sake
  - d. was doing both b and c
7. The man whose life pictured in many ways God's plan for His Son was
- a. Nimrod
  - b. Esau
  - c. Jacob
  - d. Joseph
8. Joseph was
- a. rejected by his brothers and his father
  - b. both a slave and a ruler
  - c. unwilling to help his brothers in the famine years
  - d. angry with God because of his sufferings
9. Mark *True* or *False*:
- a. All Joseph's relatives came to live in Egypt.
  - b. The king gave Joseph's relatives poor land to live on.
  - c. The families grew very numerous and filled the land.
  - d. After Joseph's death the new king was kind to the Hebrew people.
  - e. In Egypt Joseph's relatives grew and became a nation.

A

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10. The Apostle Paul wrote about Abraham's faith in Romans 4:20-21. Using your Bible, write out these two verses:

Abraham never doubted. He believed God, for his faith and trust grew ever stronger, and he praised God for this blessing even before it happened. He was completely sure that God was well able to do anything he promised.

#### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

How can *you* be counted righteous (right) with God?

when we believe and accept that he died on the cross for our sin and accept him as our Lord and Savior.

#### LESSON 6

In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.

11. When the Israelites cried to God because of their slavery, God
- did not hear them
  - did not care about their sufferings
  - remembered His covenant with Abraham
  - had no plan to help them

c

12. In preparing Moses to deliver the Israelites from Egypt, God took
- a. 10 years
  - b. 20 years
  - c. 40 years
  - d. 80 years
- D
13. God sent plagues on Egypt chiefly because
- a. the people of Egypt were wicked
  - b. Pharaoh refused to let Israel leave
  - c. Egypt was too proud and boastful
  - d. God's people had suffered so much from the Egyptians
- B
14. The final plague killed
- a. all the Egyptian boys over 2 years of age
  - b. only Pharaoh's oldest son
  - c. all the firstborn who were not protected by the blood of a lamb
  - d. all the animals in Egypt
- C
15. When Pharaoh gave them permission to leave Egypt, the people of Israel
- a. numbered about 3 million
  - b. were sad at having to go
  - c. left behind most of their cattle and sheep
  - d. took with them no money or jewelry
- A
16. Look up Hebrews 11:29. This verse tells us that the Israelites passed through the Red Sea
- a. with great fear
  - b. only after much urging from Moses
  - c. by faith
  - d. with great difficulty
- C
17. At Sinai, Israel
- a. drew up the laws for the organization of their nation
  - b. received from God directions for the organization of the nation
  - c. decided to have a king like other nations
  - d. decided to make the Egyptian legal code their own national law
- B

18. Which of these is **NOT** true? The Tabernacle was a
- special place of worship
  - the center of the religious life of the people
  - large or heavy structure, hard to move
  - place where God talked with Moses
- C
19. Animal sacrifices were commanded because
- they could put away the people's sins
  - all the religions of that day had them
  - it's good for people to learn to give to God
  - they pictured the death of God's Son to put away sin
- D
20. Moses broke the first tables of stone which contained God's laws because
- Israel had already broken the first two laws by making and worshiping an idol
  - the people refused to listen to him read the laws
  - he accidentally dropped them
  - the people knew the laws by heart
- A

### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

The Lord Jesus died for you, as God's sacrifice, on the cross at Calvary. Have you received Him into your life as your own Savior? Tell how it happened.

*All my life I believed in God and prayed to him and thought that was all to it, how wrong and blind I was. I started having hard times from every which way I turned. My mother + sister introduced me to Jesus Christ, from the time I invited him into my life he cleansed me and forgave my sins. I will never be able to praise him enough for giving me salvation and a new life.*

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## Lesson 7

# *God's Plan for a Nation— On to Canaan*

### PUNISHMENT FOR UNBELIEF

Now that the Israelites were organized, God planned for them to march into the land promised to Abraham. They spied out the land and then prepared to fight for its possession. They were promised victory over all their enemies as long as they obeyed and trusted God. But most of the people were afraid to go and fight. Their fear and lack of faith angered God. He said He would punish the nation for forty years. All who were twenty years and older would wander in the wilderness until they died. The only two who escaped this punishment were Joshua and Caleb, both of whom had trusted God. The newly formed nation of Israel spent the next forty years wandering in the wilderness learning that disobedience to God does not pay.

During their forty years of wandering, God still cared for the people. He forgave their sins. He guided them. He quenched their thirst. He fed them with food from heaven called manna. He clothed them. He taught them and he loved them. As He cared for them during those forty years, a new generation of children grew up and the old generation died. (These events are recorded in the Bible book called Numbers.)

### THE NEW LEADER

Finally the time came for the Israelites to enter the promised land.

Only this time it would be a new generation of people under new leadership. Joshua was chosen by God to be the new leader and the one who would conquer the promised land. Caleb was to help him. God rewarded these two men for their faith. This time Israel would not fail; the nation would enter Canaan and do battle in the promised land.

Before Joshua took over as the new leader of Israel, Moses reviewed all the laws that God had given. He promised the people victory if they obeyed God but defeat if they disobeyed. He reminded them of the nation's past and of God's dealing with their parents. He reminded them that God always keeps His word. He told Joshua he would be the new leader and that the Lord would be with him and would not fail him. Then Moses wrote the Word of God in a book, gave it to the priests and commanded them to read it to the people every seven years. After that Moses died and Joshua took command. (Read Deuteronomy 31:1-13.)

## THE WAR BEGINS

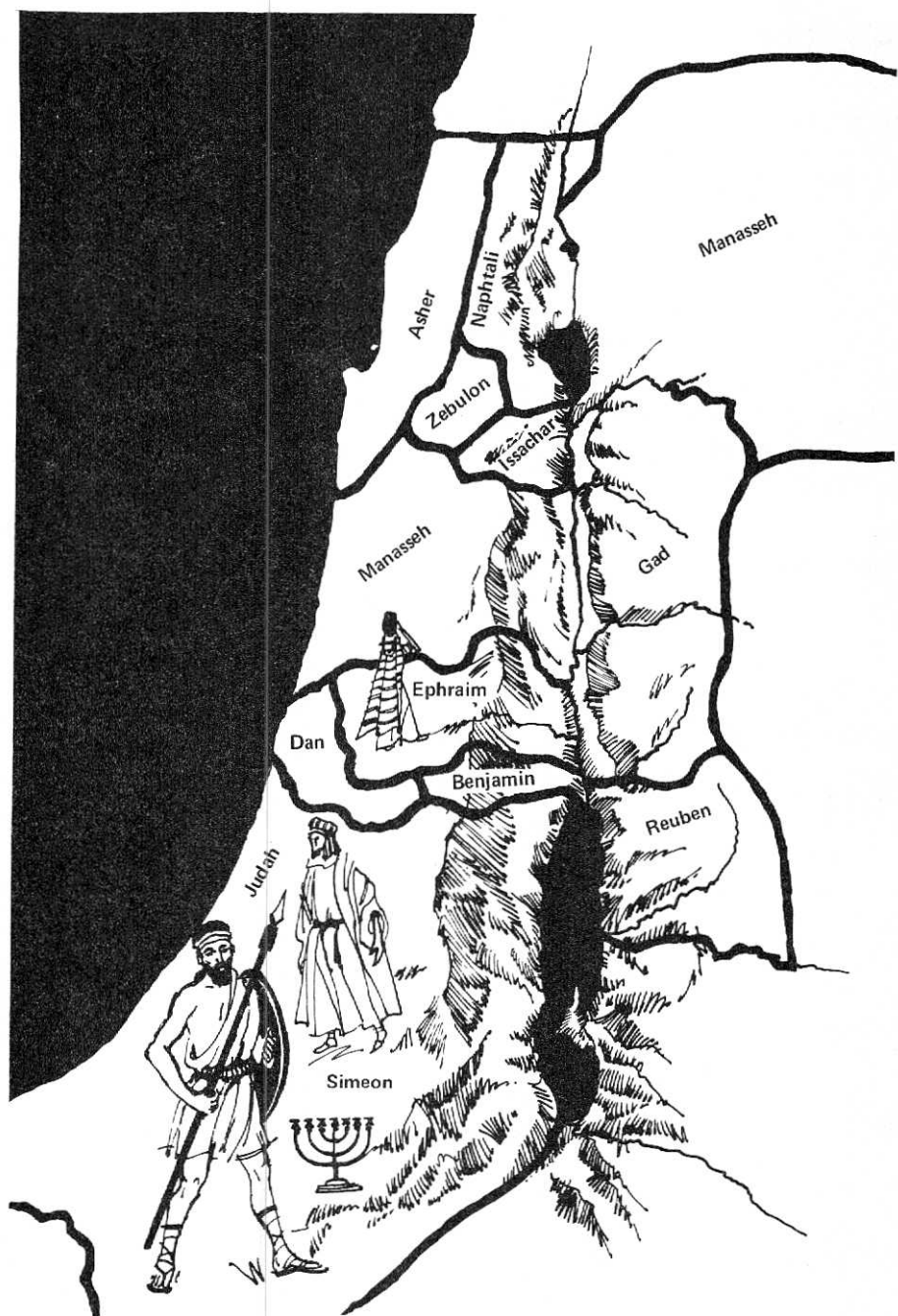
After the death of Moses, Joshua obeyed God's orders and began to march toward the promised land. The people came to the Jordan River and as soon as the priests set foot in the flooded river, it dried up miraculously. The people crossed over on dry ground. The nations of Canaan heard of the miracle and were terrified. The two spies sent by Joshua into the great city of Jericho soon reported this. Under Joshua's leadership, the nation marched around and around the walls of Jericho. They didn't have to lift a sword! As they watched, God fought for them by toppling the walls of Jericho. This easy victory gave the people too much self-confidence. They tried to take a smaller nearby city called Ai without waiting for God's instructions. They were shocked when a small army from Ai roundly defeated them. They retreated from the battle in dismay but soon found the reason for their defeat. There was sin in the camp. One of the soldiers had stolen some of the plunder taken from Jericho—all of which was to be dedicated to God. This soldier's sin was the real cause for Israel's defeat at Ai. It cost the lives of thirty six men. The guilty soldier and those who helped him were put to death. After that Ai was defeated easily.

## THE LAND WON

After those early victories, the people went on to defeat thirty one kings in Canaan and took possession of much of the promised land. All the days of Joshua the people followed God and were victorious. Joshua divided the land among the people of Israel. Each tribe was given part of the land. The Levites (the priestly tribe) were given special cities throughout the land. From these cities, they were to influence the people for God. Thus the nation planned by God had a new organization in a new land. The new land was theirs as a gift from God. The land was called "Canaan" in the Bible. It was also called "Israel," and "Palestine." It is once again known as Israel.

The Israelites had come a long way since being freed from slavery. (Read Joshua 24:1-13.) They had become a strong, organized, free nation dwelling in the land given them by God. Surely they owed God obedience and trust always! He was their Creator, and their helper, and he had proved His love for their nation.

When you have mastered this lesson, take the first part of Exam 4 (covering lesson 7), questions 1-10 on pages 53-54 (right after lesson 8). Remember, you will not turn this exam in for correction until after you have done lesson 8.



## Lesson 8

# *God's Plan for a Nation— From the Judges to the Kings*

### SINS AGAINST GOD

All the days that Joshua was alive, the people served and obeyed God. But once Joshua and the other godly leaders were dead, the people turned their backs upon God again and again and did what was "right in their own eyes." "Doing their own thing," they turned from the true God to false gods, and God allowed them to be defeated by their enemies. They suffered terribly and groaned and cried for help. Each time this happened, God heard and raised up judges (spiritual leaders) to deliver the people out of the hands of their enemies. Whenever the LORD raised up a judge, He would be with the judge to help him deliver the people from their enemies and then use him as judge for the rest of his life. But once the judge was dead, the people soon turned from God to return to their evil ways again. Once more their enemies would defeat them. This happened over and over again for about 350 years. (Read Judges 2:7-19.)

### THE JUDGES

Altogether there were fifteen judges raised up by God to lead Israel during this troubled period. Seven times the people forsook God. Seven times God delivered them. The fifteen judges God chose to deliver Israel were Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Barak, Gideon,

Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, Samson, Eli, and Samuel. These judges were either warriors, priests or prophets. Chief among them were Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson and Samuel.

During Samuel's time as judge the people began to ask for a king to rule them. Samuel took this as a personal insult but God assured him that the people were not rejecting him: they were really rejecting God Himself, who was their true King. Their desire for a king displeased God, but nevertheless He let them have what they wanted. He told Samuel to anoint (divinely choose) a man named Saul to be king.

## KING SAUL

As Israel's first king, Saul started well but ended badly. At first he was a humble, good king. As time passed, however, he became impatient and proud, and God rejected him as king. He instructed Samuel to tell Saul that the kingdom would be taken from him and would be given to another man. Saul found his rejection impossible to accept. He became angry and sullen.

Meanwhile, Samuel was sent by God secretly to anoint David, a shepherd boy, as the new king. Soon afterwards David fought a giant named Goliath and led Israel to a great victory over the Philistines. Saul, not knowing that David was to be the new king, promoted him to commander-in-chief of the army of Israel.

Soon, however, Saul's feelings and actions toward David changed. The people saw David as a great hero and Saul became jealous. He began to hate David and when he realized that David would be the new king, he tried to kill him. David fled and for years was chased around the mountains by Saul who wanted to catch and kill him. But the Lord was with David and protected him from all harm.

Twice David had an opportunity to kill Saul but refused to harm him. He believed that God should deal with Saul. His patience and trust in God were rewarded. The day came when Saul fell in battle and David became the new king.

## KING DAVID

At first David was only accepted as king by the tribe of Judah, his own tribe. Seven years and six months later he was crowned king by all Israel. As king, David did many wise things for the nation. He conquered Jerusalem and made it the capital of Israel. He brought the ark to Jerusalem so that the city became the religious center of Israel. He fought and defeated many of the surrounding nations. He made Israel safe from all its enemies. Then David decided to build a temple for God at Jerusalem. God did not allow him to do this, however. Instead, He told David that he would have a son and that his son would be allowed to build the temple. Moreover God promised David that his dynasty would last forever. David was pleased with God's promise. Although he could not build the temple himself, he did what he could. He gathered gold, silver and other materials and stored them up for the day when his son would build it.

David was a great king in many ways. Yet in other ways he failed God greatly. He united the kingdom, worshipped God, wrote many beautiful psalms, and honored God's will for the nation. But in his personal life there were times when he sinned terribly against God. He committed adultery and murder and had to be convicted by God of the great wrong he had done. He admitted his sin to God and cried out for forgiveness. Although God heard and forgave David, he had to pay for his sin on earth for the rest of his life. Many of his sons were very wicked. One of them was a seducer; another was a murderer. One tried to overthrow David and seize the throne. He failed and David remained king but David suffered greatly over the death of his sons. (You can read the story of Saul and David in First and Second Samuel and in First Kings.)

## KING SOLOMON

When David was old, he chose Solomon to be the new king of Israel. Solomon built the temple with the materials largely provided by David. He made pacts with the surrounding nations. The glory of Israel and

the wisdom of Solomon became famous throughout the world. People came from far off countries to hear the wisdom of Solomon and see the wealth of his kingdom. They were not disappointed. They went away saying, "Only the half of Solomon's and the nation's glory had been told." (Read 1 Kings 10:1-9.)

Thus the nation of Israel grew from twelve tribes ruled loosely by judges to a mighty, rich, glorious, united kingdom ruled by Solomon. And it all happened during the rule of only three kings in Israel.

When you are ready, complete Exam 4 by answering questions 11-20 on pages 55-56. (You should have already answered questions 1-10 as part of your study of lesson 7.)

When you have answered all the questions in Exam 4, mail the exam for correction.



# A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Exam 4  
Lessons 7, 8

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## LESSON 7

*In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.*

1. When the Israelites reached the promised land, they
  - a. marched right in to victory
  - b. were afraid to go in and fight
  - c. weren't sure what God wanted them to do
  - d. decided to bargain with the people in the land

B
2. God punished Israel's disobedience by sending them into the wilderness for
  - a. fourteen years
  - b. twenty-four years
  - c. forty years
  - d. four hundred years

C
3. The two men who were faithful to God and were allowed to enter the land were
  - a. Caleb and Joshua
  - b. Aaron and Moses
  - c. Moses and Joshua
  - d. Judah and Benjamin

A
4. During the years Israel spent in the wilderness, God
  - a. let them suffer from hunger and thirst
  - b. let their clothes become rags
  - c. left them to look after themselves
  - d. still loved and cared for them

D

5. God chose Joshua to be the new leader of Israel because
- he was a great soldier
  - he was a man of faith
  - the people liked him
  - he was a very brave man
6. Which of these is **NOT** true? In the book of Deuteronomy Moses
- repeated the laws God had given to the people
  - promised victory if the people obeyed God, defeat if they disobeyed
  - told the people to forget the past and think only of the future
  - said the Lord would be with their new leader, Joshua
7. In order to enter Canaan, the Israelites had to
- cross a flooded river
  - climb over a mountain range
  - cut through a jungle
  - defeat a large army at the border
8. The Israelites took the city of Jericho
- by fire
  - by the sword
  - when God caused the walls to fall flat
  - after a long siege
9. Israel was defeated at Ai because
- it was a very great city
  - it was protected by a high wall
  - their spies brought a false report
  - there was sin in the camp of Israel
10. Mark **True** or **False**:
- Israel defeated 31 kings in Canaan.
  - While Joshua was still alive, the Israelites drifted away from God.
  - Instead of dividing the land fairly, Joshua kept much of it for his family.
  - The Levites were given nothing in the new land.
  - Israel was able to take possession of Canaan because it was given to them by God.

B

C

A

C

D

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F

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T

## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

What fact impresses you most about the journey of Israel to Canaan and the conquest of the country? Why?

*I was impress with Joshua and Caleb the way they took control of the Israelites after having been chosen by God to lead them to the promised land of Canaan, Because both of this men put all their faith in God.*

## LESSON 8

*In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.*

11. After Joshua's death, the nation of Israel
- a. became very strong and prosperous in the new land
  - b. kept on following God and obeying godly leaders
  - ☒ c. began to worship false gods and were often defeated by their enemies
  - d. lived at peace with all the neighboring countries

C

12. When Israel cried to God in distress, God
- a. refused to help them
  - ☒ b. raised up judges to deliver them
  - c. drove them out of their land because of their sin
  - d. always delivered them by a series of miracles

B

13. Which of these is **NOT** true?
- a. In wanting a king, Israel was rejecting God, their true King
  - b. Israel's first king, Saul, was anointed by Samuel
  - ☒ c. God was pleased with Saul's behavior as king
  - d. God rejected Saul as king of Israel

C

14. God chose David to be Israel's second king
- a. when he was still tending his father's sheep
  - b. after he killed the giant Goliath
  - c. after he led Israel to victory over the Philistines
  - ☒ d. after Saul's death

D

15. Because David was a great hero, Saul  
 a. loved him and made him his heir  
 b. let him fight against Goliath  
 c. told the people to honor David  
 d. was jealous of him and tried to kill him D
16. After Saul's death, David  
 a. was at once crowned king of all Israel  
 b. made Shiloh the capital of Israel  
 c. made Jerusalem the religious center of Israel  
 d. built a temple for God C
17. As the king, David  
 a. never failed God  
 b. did many great things for Israel  
 c. did very little to make the nation safe from its enemies  
 d. enjoyed a harmonious family life B
18. King Solomon was famous because  
 a. he was a great warrior  
 b. he enlarged Israel's boundaries  
 c. he ruled Israel for fifty years  
 d. of his great wisdom and wealth D
19. During Solomon's reign, Israel was  
 a. a small and unimportant nation  
 b. unknown except by nearby countries  
 c. divided and weakened by rival tribes  
 d. known far and wide for its glory D
20. Read the book of Judges and match the following judges' names and descriptions:
- |                                 |         |          |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| a. known for his great strength | Deborah | <u>C</u> |
| b. the last of the judges       | Gideon  | <u>D</u> |
| c. a woman                      | Samuel  | <u>B</u> |
| d. a farmer                     | Samson  | <u>A</u> |

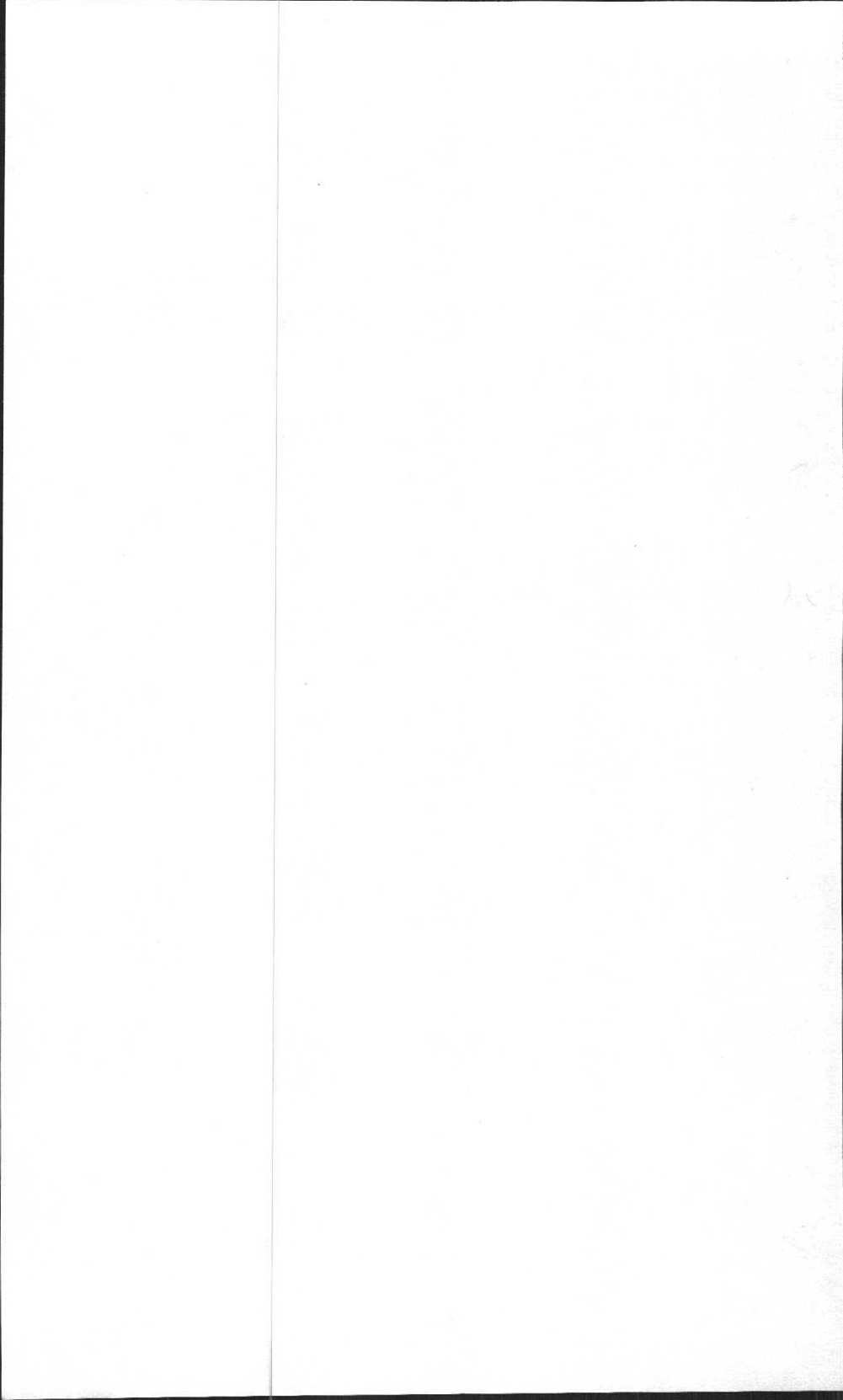
## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

What do you think was the greatest thing David did for Israel? Why?

*He united the Kingdom of Israel.  
During this time, the people were doing  
their own thing and no faith on God.  
Even though they suffered terribly that would be  
the only time they would turn to God.*

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## Lesson 9

# God's Plan for a Nation— Decline and Fall

### THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

The nation of Israel did not continue to be true to God. Toward the end of Solomon's rule it had drifted away. Solomon himself had violated many of God's laws. He took many wives and, to please them, erected idols to false gods. Such sin on the part of Solomon caused God to say that the kingdom would be broken up (1 Kings 11:4-11).

Soon revolt broke out within the kingdom. One of Solomon's officers "lifted up his hand against the king" and began to make trouble. His plan did not work and the officer, Jeroboam by name, had to flee to Egypt. Rehoboam became Solomon's successor as king. Upon Solomon's death, Jeroboam returned from Egypt and took command of the people who wanted tax reform. Rehoboam announced his intention of being a very harsh king and refused to listen to Jeroboam, so the people, led by Jeroboam, rebelled. Ten tribes joined Jeroboam's side and accepted him as king. Two other tribes and later the Levites joined Rehoboam's side. Thus the kingdom of Israel was divided in two. Ten tribes in the north part of the country became known as *Israel*. The two tribes in the south became known as *Judah*. Thus in just a few years after the death of the glorious king Solomon, the nation had lost its unity, its power and its glory. (Read 1 Kings 12:1-5 and 12:12, 13, 14, 19, 20.)

## THE KINGDOM'S FALL

The divided kingdoms of Israel were alike in some ways. They both were ruled over by nineteen different kings (Judah's were all of David's line). They were both finally defeated by enemies and carried away into captivity. But here the likenesses stop. The northern kingdom of Israel was much more sinful throughout its history than was the southern kingdom of Judah. The nineteen kings of the northern kingdom were all bad. In contrast, many of Judah's kings honored God and "did what was right in the sight of the LORD." But Judah too ended up doing "evil in the sight of the LORD." Both kingdoms were ultimately weakened by sin from within and by foes from without and both were defeated and taken captive (2 Kings 17; 2 Kings 25).

The kingdom of Israel lasted 250 years. Then it was overthrown by the Assyrians. The Israelites taken captive by Assyria were settled in different parts of the empire. They lost their identity as a nation and became known among men as the "lost ten tribes."

The southern kingdom of Israel lasted about 385 years before its history was brought to an end by the Babylonians. The captives from Judah were settled in different parts of the Babylonian kingdom. Later in the days of the Persian empire, many of them returned to their own land. Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah were leaders used by God to lead the Jews back to Palestine. The returned captives rebuilt the temple and the nation thus regained some of its lost identity. (Ezra and Nehemiah.)

## THE PROPHETS

The time from the division of the kingdom until the time Israel and Judah were defeated by the Assyrians and Babylonians is known as the *pre-exilic* period. During this time many prophets of God foretold the future of the two kingdoms. They also called upon the people to repent and to return to God. They foretold (prophesied) too the coming of Jesus Christ, the suffering that He would endure, the ultimate defeat of His enemies and His coming rule over Israel and the world.



In the northern kingdom of Israel the prophets were \*Ahijah, Elijah, Micaiah, Elisha, Jonah, Hosea, Amos and Obed. These men all prophesied before the captivity. Those in the south who prophesied during the same time were Shemaiah, Iddo, Azariah, Hanani, Jehu, Eliezer, Jahaziel, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Joel, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah and Obadiah. Two of the prophets, Ezekiel and Daniel, lived in Babylon as captives and prophesied there. These men were known as *exilic* prophets. Jeremiah also prophesied at the time of the Babylonian captivity but he remained in Judah. Daniel was a very remarkable prophet. He foretold the main events of the future history of the Bible world, the future of the nation of Israel and the final triumph of God in Christ. Many of his prophecies have already come to pass.

After some of the Jews and Israelites returned to their home-land, other prophets were sent to the people by God. These prophets are known today as *post-exilic* prophets because they prophesied after they had returned from exile. They were Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. These prophets called the people back to God and foretold of the coming day when "the LORD shall be King over all the earth" (Zechariah 9:14).

A number of the books in the Old Testament contain the words of the prophets. These holy men of God wrote as they were inspired by God's Spirit. The last book in the Old Testament was written by the prophet Malachi whose message from God is a fit summary of the whole Old Testament. His book contains curses and judgment for those who reject God's plan and purpose for their lives—"Behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 4:1). His book also contains blessings and rewards for those who accept God's plan and purpose for their lives—"To you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Malachi 4:2).

Where will you be in that other great day that's coming?—among the cursed, or the blessed?

When you have mastered this lesson, take the first part of Exam 5 (covering lesson 9), questions 1-10 on pages 67-69 (right after lesson 10). Remember, you will not turn this exam in for correction until after you have done lesson 10.

## Lesson 10

# *God's Plan for His Son*

## ANCIENT PROPHECIES FULFILLED

Throughout the entire Old Testament period God spoke through various prophets and divinely chosen leaders. His message through the prophets was for the day in which they lived but He also spoke through them of a future day when God would become man and dwell among men. The prophets told in advance many of the things which would happen to God's Son when He would come to earth. The prophets foretold that He would—

- (1) be born of a woman, a virgin (Isaiah 7:14 and Genesis 3:15)
- (2) be born in Bethlehem of Judah (Micah 5:2)
- (3) be a prophet, king and priest (Deuteronomy 18:15; Psalm 132:11; Zechariah 6:13)
- (4) be a minister to the needy and sick (Isaiah 61:1)
- (5) be a wise and gracious speaker (Psalm 49:3)
- (6) be rejected of most men (Isaiah 53:3)
- (7) be put to death for man's sin (Isaiah 53:5; Zechariah 12:10)
- (8) rise from the dead (Psalm 16:10)
- (9) return to the world to rule and reign (Isaiah 9:6, 7)
- (10) judge the world for its sin (Daniel 2:44, 45)
- (11) punish the wicked (Malachi 4:1)
- (12) reward the faithful (Isaiah 62:11, 12)
- (13) create a new heaven and earth after destroying the first (Isaiah 66:22)

(14) be exalted and worshipped by all men (Isaiah 66:23).

Nearly two thousand years ago the prophets' words began to be fulfilled. Jesus was born of a virgin woman named Mary in Bethlehem of Judah. He was called "the king of the Jews." God kept His word as given to the prophets. He came down to live on this planet. His complete divine personality and character were revealed in a body of human flesh. Jesus was both Son of God and Son of Man (John 1:1, 14 and Luke 2:8-20).

## THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JESUS

How amazing was the life of Jesus Christ! Throughout His life He proved Himself to be truly God in human form. He proved it by His perfect and powerful life. He proved it by His miraculous death and by His glorious resurrection.

During Jesus' short time upon earth He showed His control over the stars, the weather, plant life, physical life, animal life, spirit life, time, space, sin, death and hell. A heavenly star announced His birth; the sun's light was blotted out at His death. He walked on water and commanded a storm to stop and it did. He changed water into wine. He commanded a fig tree to wither up and it did. He raised people from the dead. He healed blindness, leprosy, fever, palsy, deafness, dumbness, insanity, and demon possession. He rode an unbroken colt through a cheering crowd. He caused a fish to swallow a coin and enabled Peter to catch that very fish. He foretold the future with unfailing precision. After His resurrection He passed through stone and wooden walls. At His ascension He went bodily up into heaven. He paid the penalty of sin by dying on the cross. He voluntarily gave up His life since no one could take it from Him. After His death He arose as victor over the grave. And these are only a few of the great things Jesus did to fulfill the great plan of God. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.)

## CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

But there is more than that to God's plan for His Son. God wants Jesus

to rule the earth. And one day He will. Just before Jesus went back to heaven, He promised to return. First He is going to return for those who have trusted in Him and will take them bodily into heaven. Soon after that, He will return to the earth itself and set up His kingdom. He will judge the wicked and then rule and control the nations of the earth for a thousand years. At the end of the thousand years the nations will rebel against Jesus and He will destroy the world. Then He will create a new earth and a new heaven, and rule forever over those who have believed in Him. This is the glorious future of Jesus Christ. This is the plan God has for His Son. (Philippians 1:9-11; Revelation 21:1, 3.)

When you are ready, complete Exam 5 by answering questions 11-20 on pages 69-71. (You should have already answered questions 1-10 as part of your study of lesson 9.)

When you have answered all the questions in Exam 5, mail the exam for correction.



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Exam 5  
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## LESSON 9

*In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.*

1. In his later life Solomon
  - a. strengthened the kingdom greatly
  - b. fully kept the Lord's commandments
  - c. urged the people to be true to God
  - ☒ d. made idols and sacrificed to false gods

D
2. The son who succeeded Solomon as king was named
  - a. Jeroboam
  - ☒ b. Rehoboam
  - c. Jerubbaal
  - d. Remaliah

B
3. Israel and Judah each had
  - a. 9 kings
  - b. 10 kings
  - ☒ c. 19 kings
  - d. 29 kings

C
4. The northern kingdom
  - a. was less sinful than the southern
  - b. lasted 300 years
  - c. was defeated and the people deported by the Egyptians
  - ☒ d. finally lost their identity as a nation

D

5. The southern kingdom  
☒ a. had many good kings  
 b. was defeated by the Assyrians  
 c. never returned from captivity  
 d. never regained its lost identity A
6. Which of these is **NOT** true? The prophets of the pre-exilic period  
 a. foretold the future of the two kingdoms  
 b. foretold the coming of Christ  
☒ c. praised the people for being true to God  
 d. called on the people to return to God C
7. The prophet who foretold the main events in the future history of the Bible world was  
 a. Ezekiel  
☒ b. Daniel  
 c. Jeremiah  
 d. Isaiah B
8. Malachi, the last book in the Old Testament,  
 a. contains curses for those who refuse God's plan  
 b. contains blessings for those who fear and follow God  
 c. is a fitting summary of the Old Testament  
 d. is all of the above D
9. After each name write *pre* or *ex* or *post* to indicate the period each man prophesied in:
- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| a. Zechariah | <u>POST</u> |
| b. Elijah    | <u>PRE</u>  |
| c. Amos      | <u>PRE</u>  |
| d. Isaiah    | <u>PRE</u>  |
| e. Ezekiel   | <u>EX</u>   |



10. Mark *True* or *False*:

a. Soon after Solomon's death the nation was divided in two.

T

b. The ten tribes in the north were known as Judah.

F

c. The two tribes in the south were known as Israel.

F

d. In losing its unity, the nation lost its power and glory.

T

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Do you think God is less angry at your sin and disobedience than He was at Israel's and Judah's?

*Because Israel's and Judah's were his people  
and we are Gentiles.*

LESSON 10

In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.

11. The Old Testament prophets spoke

- a. only for the people who lived in their day
- b. only of events through which Israel was passing at that time
- ☒ c. to their own generation but also of a future day when God's Son would dwell among men
- d. only messages of judgment on the sinful people

C

12. In Isaiah 9:6, 7 the prophet spoke about

- a. the death of Jesus Christ
- b. the healing ministry of Christ
- c. the rejection of Christ by Israel
- ☒ d. the future kingdom of Christ on earth

D

13. Many of the prophecies about the Lord Jesus Christ  
a. can never be fulfilled  
b. have already been fulfilled  
c. were not meant to be taken literally  
d. are not found in the Bible B
14. Which of the following is **NOT** true? Jesus showed His control over nature by  
a. walking on the water  
b. making a storm cease  
c. changing water into wine  
d. creating a bird out of clay D
15. Jesus healed many people  
a. including the blind, deaf and lame  
b. but He could not raise the dead  
c. but only if they were able to pay for the healing  
d. except those in the control of demons A
16. Read 1 Corinthians 15. The resurrection of Jesus Christ  
a. was never predicted in the Old Testament  
b. was a story made up by His disciples  
c. is not an essential part of our Christian faith  
d. is basic to our faith and can be accepted with confidence D
17. The Bible tells us that  
a. Jesus will never again return to the earth  
b. Jesus will one day return and rule over the earth  
c. the earth will never have a righteous ruler  
d. God plans only judgment for the earth B
18. Before the Lord Jesus ascended to heaven He told His disciples He would  
a. return for those who love Him and take them to heaven  
b. return before they died  
c. not leave heaven any more  
d. never see them again A
19. When the nations rebel against Jesus after His thousand-year rule over the earth, He will  
a. forgive His enemies  
b. simply ignore them  
c. give the nations a second chance to be saved  
d. destroy the world and create a new earth and a new heaven D

20. Match the following statements about the Lord Jesus to the correct Scripture references. (You may use your Bible.)

- |                |   |          |
|----------------|---|----------|
| a. Isaiah 61:1 | He would be born of a virgin                    | <u>B</u> |
| b. Isaiah 7:14 |   |          |
| c. Isaiah 53:5 | He would be born in Bethlehem                   | <u>D</u> |
| d. Micah 5:2   |   |          |
|                | He would preach good tidings and help the needy | <u>A</u> |
|                | He would be put to death for our sin            | <u>C</u> |

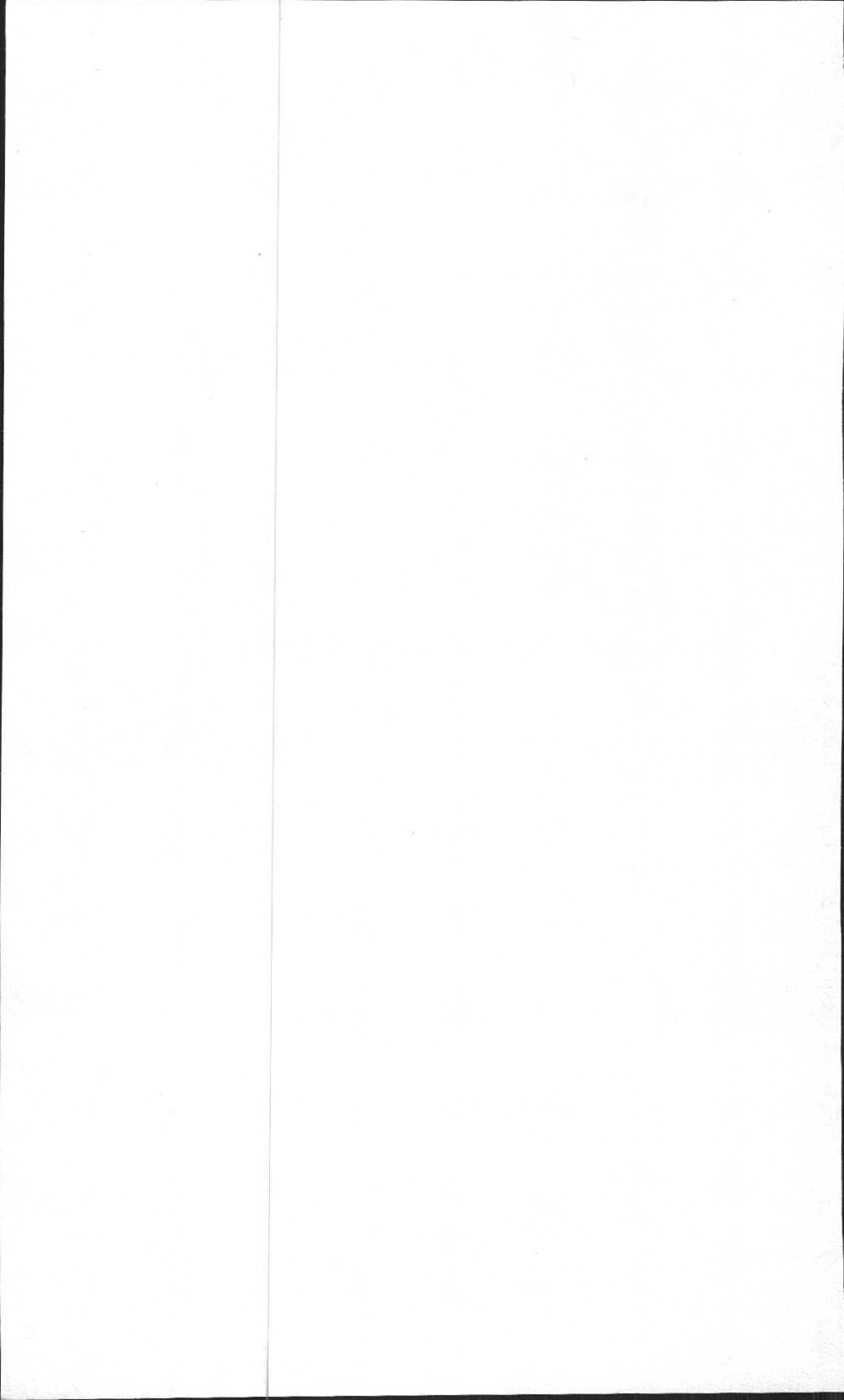
### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Do you expect to go to be with the Lord in heaven at His second coming? Give a reason for your answer.

I know I will be the Lord in heaven,  
because I believe he died on the cross for  
our sins, and I have invited him into my  
life and have accepted him as my Lord  
and savior.

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## Lesson 11

# *God's Plan for the Church*

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Before Jesus died He promised He would build His Church and that the gates of hell would not defeat it. He also promised to send His Spirit to live forever in those who would believe in Him. Both of these promises were kept. On one of the annual Jewish feast days called Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and the Church was born. Those who had believed in Christ as their Savior were gathered together in a house in Jerusalem when suddenly they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. A new power and a new life filled them. Miraculously, they were able to speak in such a way that they could be understood by the crowds outside, many of whom spoke different languages. Three thousand people gladly believed as they preached about Jesus Christ—how He had died, and been buried and had risen again. Those who believed were added to the Church now being founded as promised by Jesus (Matthew 16:18 and Acts 2).

## THE CHURCH

Since the day of Pentecost many mistaken ideas about the Church have spread throughout the world. Some see the Church as a building where people meet. Some see it as a great organization designed for the improving of mankind. The Church is neither of these things. The

Church is clearly defined by God Himself. He planned it and He alone tells us its true meaning.

The Church is a *body of people* who share a common saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, a body of people whose sins have been forgiven, who are indwelt by the Spirit of God, and who meet with other believers to pray, to learn from the Bible and to share their faith and experiences (1 Corinthians 12:12, 13 and 14:12).

A person can only become a member of God's Church in one way: by being born of God's Spirit. This happens when he accepts Jesus Christ as his Lord and believes in his heart that God has raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9). Such saving faith automatically makes him a member of the true Church (1 John 5:1 and 1 Corinthians 12:12).

## **CHURCH LEADERS**

Throughout the world members of the Church come together as often as possible for prayer, fellowship, worship and teaching as instructed in the Bible. As they meet they are led by those whom God has chosen and equipped to teach and shepherd them. Some leaders are called pastor-teachers. These teach the Word of God and watch out for the spiritual welfare of believers. Some are evangelists. These preach the gospel to bring about the conversion of unbelievers. Some are deacons. These handle the business affairs of the local congregation. Some are ordinary members—born again people—growing in the things of God and contributing their time, money and spiritual gifts to the Church. According to Scripture all meetings of the local church are to be conducted in an orderly, sensible fashion. Meetings are to be conducted in a spirit of love and family unity. As the Church shows this unity, God is glorified and the local church becomes a positive power for good in the community (Ephesians 4:11, 12).

## **THE ORDINANCES**

Jesus left two symbolic testimonies for the Church. One of these is

baptism. Each newly saved person is to be baptized in water as a sign of his faith in Jesus Christ and is a testimony (witness) to the lost. The other ordinance is the communion service, sometimes called the breaking of bread service. At the communion service believers partake of bread and wine. The bread is a reminder that the Lord's body was broken at Calvary, the wine that His blood was shed. The communion service is a source of spiritual strength to the believer. It also proclaims to the world the essential facts of the gospel. Both baptism and communion are necessary if a Christian is to be truly obedient (Matthew 28:19, 20 and 1 Corinthians 11).

## CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

The Church is to continue until the Lord comes and takes it home to heaven. Someday Jesus Christ will return with a shout and gather all members of the Church to Himself in heaven. Millions of Church members will be caught up into the sky to meet the Lord in the air. So the Church will eventually be with the Lord to rule with Him and feast with Him forever (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Revelation 19:7-9).

If you are a member of God's Church, you are expected by God to be regular in attendance at its meetings, loyal in service and diligent in the study of God's Word. You are expected to be baptized and to remember the Lord in the communion service. You are expected to contribute your time, offerings and talents to the service of the Lord and His Church. Phoebe is called a "servant of the church." It was a high compliment. Why shouldn't we serve the Church? After all, Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it. Shouldn't we? (Hebrews 10:25 and Romans 16:1.)

If you are not a member of the living Church of God, you can become one. Right now accept the Lord Jesus into your life. He died for your sins and rose from the dead to give you a new life. Tell God you receive His Son and then confess your belief to someone. If you do receive Him you will become a member of the Church of the living God. What tremendous benefits will be yours—eternal life, forgiveness, peace, joy, love, fellowship, Jesus Christ as your Lord, God as your

Father, the Holy Spirit as your life, a sure home in heaven, and lasting security against all the forces of evil: the power of hell will not prevail against you. (Romans 10:9 and Ephesians 5:27.)

When you have mastered this lesson, take the first part of Exam 6 (covering lesson 11), questions 1-10 on pages 81-82 (right after lesson 12). Remember, you will not turn this exam in for correction until after you have done lesson 12.



## Lesson 12

# *God's Plan for the Future*

The Bible shows, as we have seen, that God has had a plan for everything. God planned everything in Christ before the world began. He had a plan for Adam and Eve, a plan for faithful families from Noah to Jacob, a plan for the nation of Israel from Moses to the exile and beyond; He had a plan for the prophets and a plan for His Son. He has a plan for the Church and a plan for us. He also has a plan for the future. Events yet to happen on this planet are all part of His plan.

## AFTER THE RAPTURE

What an amazing future is in store for the people of this earth! The next great event in God's plan will be the rapture of the Church! The Church will be taken home to heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) and will be safe from the terrible things to happen on the earth (2 Thessalonians 2). All those truly saved will thus be taken.

Immediately after the rapture the world will go through a time known as the great tribulation period. It will be a period of great trouble and it will last for at least seven years. All who have remained behind after the rapture will enter this period of great trouble. There has never before been anything like it on earth (Daniel 12:1).

## THE GODLESS WORLD

During this tribulation period many terrible events will take place. A

man "speaking great things" will arise to lead the western nations. He is called "the Beast." He will enter into a peace treaty with the Jews and especially with one man who will rise to be head of the Jewish people. He will seek worship from all the people of the world and will make a law that only those who have his mark on their forehead or hand will be able to buy and sell. His assistant, called the False Prophet, will cause an image to be made of the Beast and will give life to that image. He will call down fire from heaven and do other miracles too. The Beast will claim to be God and some will see him as the Messiah (Revelation 13:12-18 and Daniel 11:36).

In the middle of the tribulation period this leader of the western nations will break the religious part of his treaty with the Jews. He will later join with other great powers of the world to fight against the armies of the East, North and South. A terrible battle will be fought in a place called Armageddon in Israel (Revelation 16:16). It will be the greatest battle the world has ever known (Revelation 19:17-21).

## **THE LORD'S RETURN TO EARTH**

Toward the end of the battle, Jesus will return. He will destroy the enemies of the Jews and welcome into His kingdom the people of the nations which showed kindness to the believing Jews. When the Jews see Him descend upon the mount of Olives in Jerusalem, they will see the scars of Calvary in His hands and will realize that Jesus whom they crucified was truly their Messiah. All Israel will repent and believe in Jesus. He will then become the King not only of the Jews but also of all other nations upon the earth (Zechariah 13:6 and 14:1-9).

## **THE MILLENNIUM**

The Lord will then rule over the world for a millennium (1,000 years). During the millennium the world will know peace and plenty. Satan will be bound and held powerless during the entire period. There will be little crime during Christ's rule (Revelation 20:1-3). People will live

much longer, for Isaiah tells us "the child shall die at one hundred" (Isaiah 65:20). Animals will be tame, indeed "the lion shall lie down beside the lamb." People will all speak one language (Zephaniah 3:9). People will come to Jerusalem from all over the world to worship Jesus Christ (Zechariah 14:16). Just think of it! There will be a thousand years of peace without war, of wealth without want, and of justice with a minimum of crime, and that speedily punished. This is part of the future God has planned for the world.

After such a thousand years of peace surely the world will have learned to trust entirely upon God, and not to stray from Him! But no! At the end of the thousand years the devil will be loosed for a brief period and will again draw the people of the world into rebellion against God. The rebellious nations arm themselves and besiege the Holy City of Jerusalem. This is the world's last war and it is against God and His people. The time has come for God to make an end of human history. The rebellious nations are conquered, the world is destroyed and God makes a new heaven and earth. Never again will demon, man or beast rebel against God (Revelation 20:7-9).

## THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

God will then summon all who have rejected Him to the final judgment at the great white throne. The book of life is opened. Those whose names are missing, those who do not have eternal life, will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. There they will be punished for all eternity (Revelation 20:11-15). Those whose names are in the book of life will dwell in the new heaven and earth. Never again will they know crying, pain, or death. God will be with them and they shall serve and worship Him forever. Thus the plan of God for the people of the earth will be finished.

## CONCLUSION

What a great program God has outlined for the people of the earth!

In the book of Romans, God says, "A short work will I make upon the earth." Imagine that! God sees His entire program as a short work. The many dispensations (sections of God's plan) from the beginning of creation until the end of the heaven and earth is said to be a short work of God. If the plan that God has for the earth is short, imagine what God's plan will be like for the new heavens and earth which will last forever. Are you one of the saved who will stand with Jesus upon the eternal mountains of the new earth? Are you one of those who will walk the streets of heaven with Him? You can be if you will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior. God says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

When you are ready, complete Exam 6 by answering questions 11-20 on pages 83-84. (You should have already answered questions 1-10 as part of your study of lesson 11.)

When you have answered all the questions in Exam 6, mail the exam for correction.

## A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Exam 6  
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### LESSON 11

*In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.*

1. The Church came into existence
  - a. at Passover
  - b. at Easter
  - ☒ c. at Pentecost
  - d. at Calvary

C
  
2. When the Holy Spirit came on the disciples in Jerusalem,
  - a. they were unaware that anything had happened
  - b. the people of Jerusalem didn't know about it
  - c. crowds heard the disciples speak but didn't respond to the message
  - ☒ d. 3,000 people gladly believed the message and were saved

D
  
3. The Church is
  - a. a building where people meet to worship God
  - b. a body of people who are saved by the grace of God
  - c. an organization to help mankind
  - d. the mediator between God and men

B
  
4. A person becomes a member of God's Church
  - a. by infant baptism
  - b. by confirmation
  - c. by accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord
  - d. by taking communion

C

5. Which of these is **NOT** true? The Bible tells members of the Church to meet often for
- a. recreation
  - b. prayer
  - c. worship
  - d. teaching
6. Evangelists are
- a. the only leaders in the Church
  - b. those who handle the business affairs of the Church
  - c. those who shepherd the people of the Church
  - d. those who preach the gospel so people will be saved
7. A person should be baptized in water in order to
- a. be saved
  - b. be obedient to the Lord
  - c. become a member of the Church
  - d. turn over a new leaf for a better life
8. The communion service is
- a. a memorial of the Lord's death
  - b. a source of spiritual strength to the Christian
  - c. a demonstration of the gospel to the world
  - d. all of the above
9. The Church
- a. will one day be with the Lord, to rule with Him forever
  - b. will cease to exist at the second coming of the Lord
  - c. is intended to function only on earth
  - d. has no way of going to heaven as a body
10. Members of God's Church
- a. have no need to attend meetings of a local church
  - b. don't need to study God's Word regularly
  - c. should give time, money and talents to serve the Lord and His Church
  - d. should live their lives to please themselves

A

D

C

B

A

C

## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Are you a member of the Church? How do you know you are?

*I have been baptized in the name of the Father  
the Son and The holy Ghost, I also contribute  
my time, offerings and talents to the service  
of the Lord.*

## LESSON 12

*In the blank space in the right-hand margin write the letter of the correct answer.*

11. The "rapture" of the Church is  
a. the catching up of God's people to heaven  
b. an ancient belief not acceptable today  
c. not the next event in God's plan  
d. meant only for very spiritual believers A
12. The great tribulation will  
a. take place before the rapture  
b. be no worse than many other times of trouble on earth  
c. last for at least seven years  
d. involve only part of the world's people C
13. The man called "the Beast" will  
a. be a leader of the eastern nations  
b. have no dealings with the Jews  
c. not interfere with people's freedom to buy and sell  
d. seek worship from all the people of the world D
14. The "False Prophet" will  
a. be a rival of "the Beast"  
b. give life to an image of "the Beast"  
c. be unable to do any miracles  
d. try to call down fire from heaven but will fail B

15. Right at the end of the tribulation period
- a. the armies of nations from the West and the North will fight those of the East and the South
  - b. a great battle will be fought at Armageddon in Israel
  - c. there will be an important battle but not the greatest ever to take place
  - d. will come the last battle to be fought on earth

B

16. Which of these is **NOT** true? When Jesus returns to earth at Armageddon, He will
- a. destroy the enemies of the Jews
  - b. be recognized by the Jews as the Messiah they had crucified
  - c. see all Israel repent and believe in Him
  - d. become King of the Jews only

D

17. During the millennium (1,000 years)
- a. the Lord Jesus will rule over the world
  - b. there will still be many wars
  - c. Satan will be very active
  - d. people's lives will be short

A

18. After the millennium,
- a. the world will have learned to trust and obey the Lord
  - b. Satan will be annihilated
  - c. Jerusalem will be conquered
  - d. the nations will rebel against God and His people

D

19. At this time God will
- a. give the nations another chance to obey Him
  - b. abandon the earth forever
  - c. make a new heaven and a new earth
  - d. punish Satan for 1,000 years after which he will be released

C

20. At the judgment of the great white throne
- a. everyone's name will be in the Book of Life
  - b. only the devil will be cast into the lake of fire
  - c. unbelievers will be given a second chance
  - d. all those who have rejected God will be cast into the lake of fire

D



## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

What has helped and challenged you most in this lesson?

*It has help me better understand what God's  
plans are for the believers in the future.*

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- ☐ I here and now receive the Lord Jesus as my Savior.
- ☐ I am definitely interested in being saved, but I should like to have additional information regarding the following subjects:

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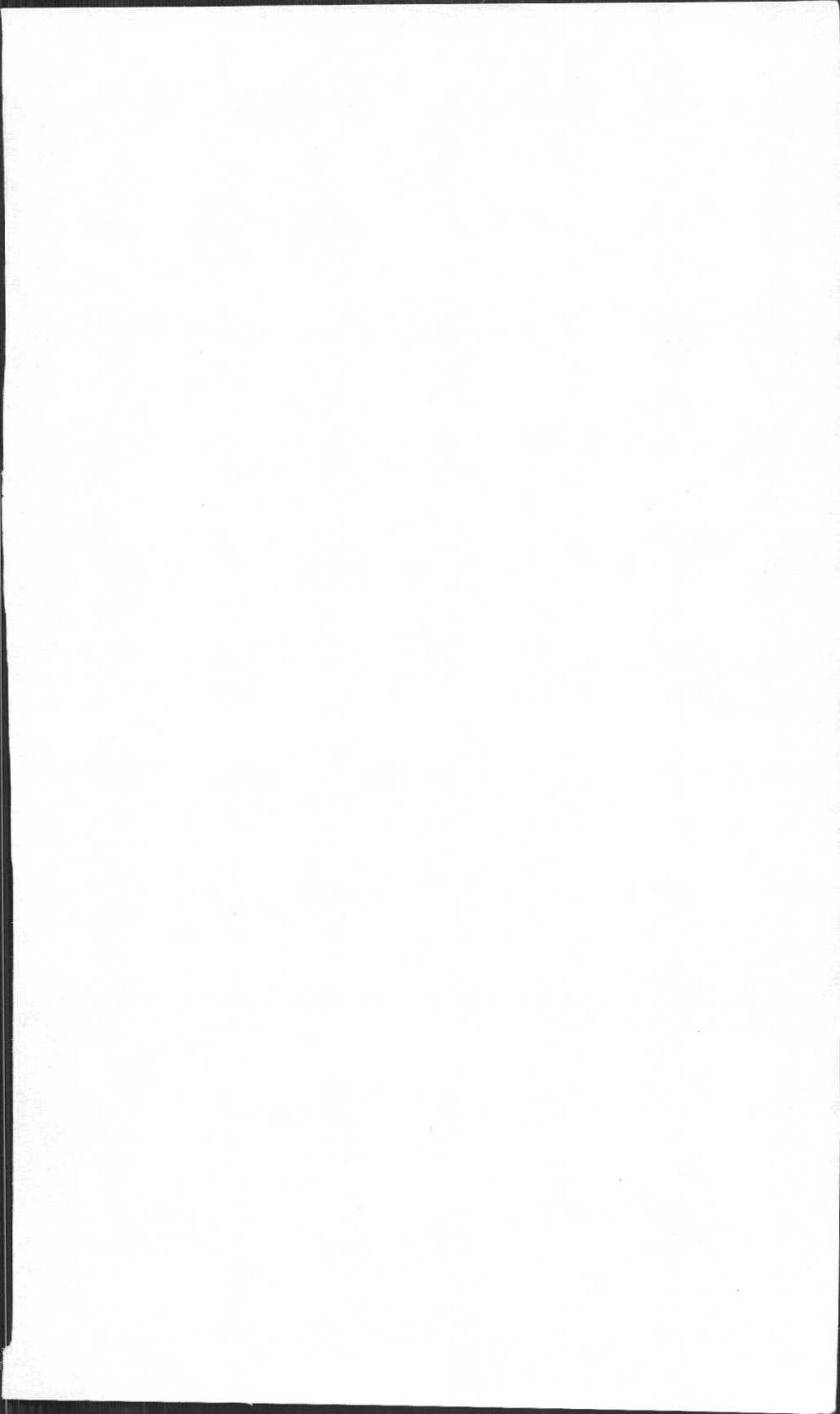
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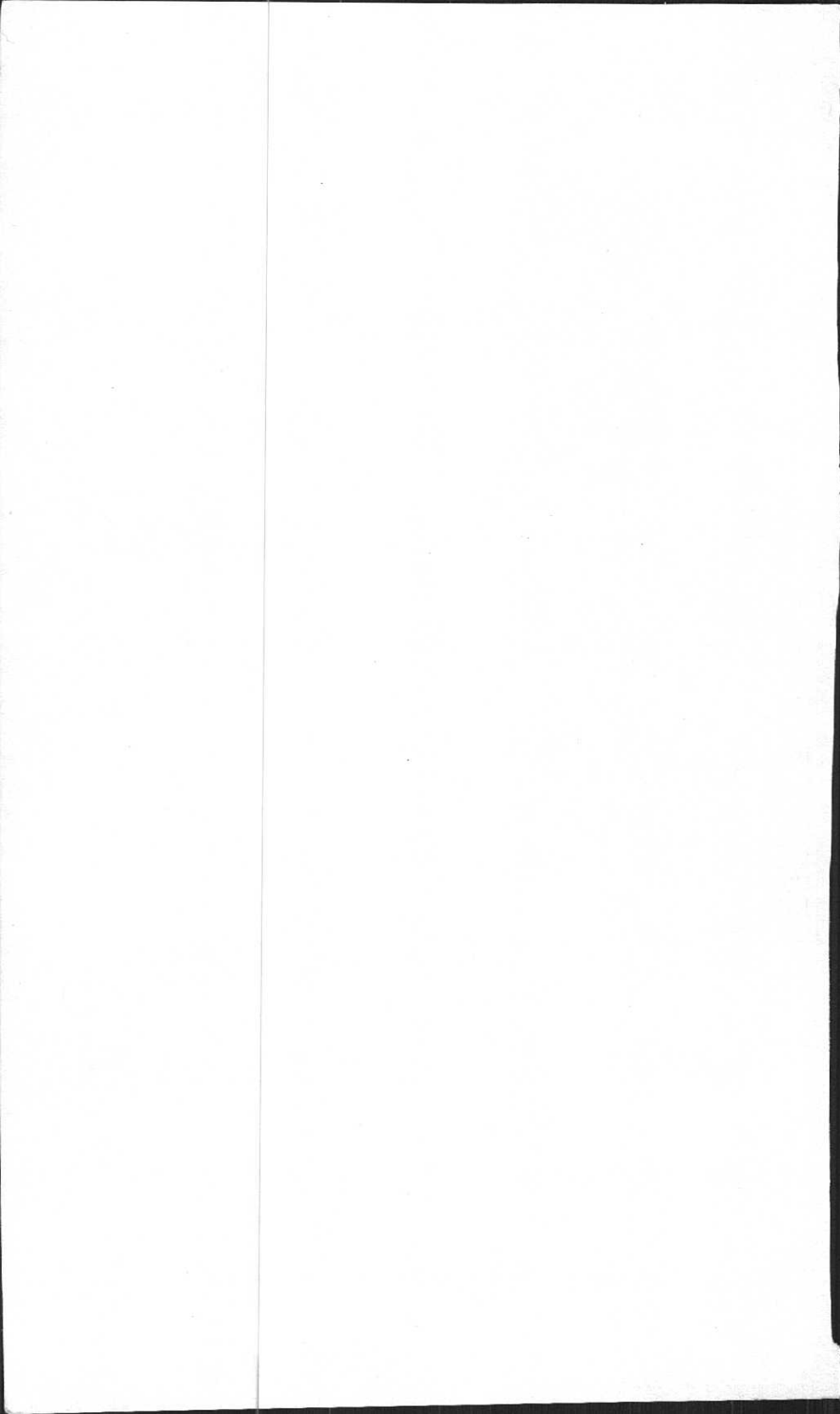
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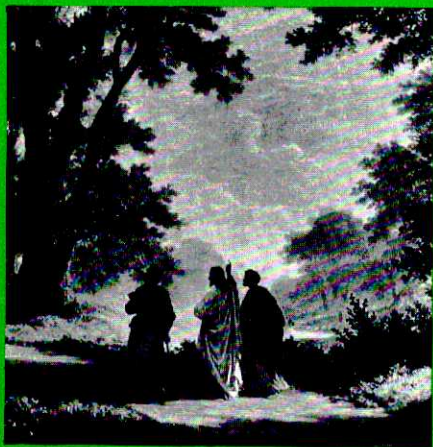
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